

Sample School Asthma Policy



Policy goal

Our school is committed to ensuring that students with asthma achieve their full potential and take part in every aspect of school life.

Policy objective

This policy aims to:

- Make provision for the immediate needs and requirements of students who have asthma
- Ensure the physical safety and wellbeing of all students with asthma
- Ensure that adequate resources and arrangements are in place to support students with asthma
- Ensure that procedures are in place for communicating with parents
- Provide training for staff in meeting the needs of students with asthma
- Comply with all legislation relating to safety and welfare at work

Roles and responsibilities

Students:

- Are supported to self-manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development: we explain asthma and asthma care to students and provide care with, not just to, them
- Have access to their reliever medication at all times

Parents/carers:

- Provide the school with an Asthma Action Plan (annually), signed by the treating doctor/healthcare professional
- Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied
- Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management

Staff:

- Assist students to take their medication if necessary and administer medication in an emergency
- Document an asthma attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
- Have a spacer and mask replacement policy. If a student uses a spacer/mask label it with their name for future use or dispose of it thoughtfully
- Minimise exposure to known triggers
- Display the 5 Step Rule poster in each class room
- Accompany a student to hospital in the case of an emergency

Management:

- Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma, and review regularly
- Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff
- Review policies and practices

Monitor and review

This policy was approved by the Board of Management on: / /

This policy will be reviewed annually or earlier should the need arise.