

# **St Gabriel's C of E Primary School**



## **Asthma Policy**

**Summer 2025**

Pupils with asthma are welcome in this school. They are encouraged to take part in ALL activities.

### Aims

- All staff, teaching and support staff are aware of the condition and know what to do in the event of an asthma attack.
- Annual training is provided by the school nurse for all staff.
- All children with asthma have easy, and immediate access to their reliever inhaler treatment.
- All children have an awareness of asthma so that they can support their friends.
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and regularly updated.
- There is good communication between home, school and the nursing team.

### At School

On entry into the full-time schooling all parents are asked if their child has been identified as suffering with asthma.

Parents are then asked to complete a medical information form to inform the school if, or when, medication needs to be taken. The school asthma policy is included in the welcome pack.

The forms are kept by our School Asthma Champion in the school office.

Parents of children with asthma are asked to keep the school informed of any changes in condition, or other illnesses/allergies likely to affect their asthma.

Discussions are held between the first aid/medical team and class teacher when necessary to update the teacher of any change in the child's condition or regime of medication. It is the first aid/medical team's responsibility to ensure this occurs.

All children will be treated in accordance with the NWL School Emergency Asthma plan. We encourage parents to share with us their child's Asthma Action plan (provided by their Health care practitioner at their annual asthma review).

### Administering Inhalers

Children **MUST HAVE** one blue salbutamol inhaler (reliever inhaler) and one plastic spacer prescribed by their GP in school. This must be in its original box with its prescription label detailing the child's name. It is the parent's responsibility to supply this blue inhaler and spacer to the school. This is kept in the class medical bag in the office. This will contain each child's individual labelled medication and spacer.

All inhalers will be easily and immediately accessible and never locked away.

The member of staff who gives the child their inhaler **MUST** record it in the Asthma Record book and fill in the form to inform the parents their child has been given their inhaler. The Administrative Manager will monitor inhaler use and liaise with the parents and School Nurse if any children are needing to use their inhaler on a regular basis (weekly or more frequently)

Preventative inhalers - These now come in a range of colours including: orange, maroon, purple and beige and are **NOT** needed in school. They should be administered at home before and after school. Any preventative medication will be sent home if brought into school.

#### Access to Inhalers

Children with asthma will have access to their inhaler whenever needed with supervision and support from an adult.

It is essential that the teacher ensures their classes asthma medication is taken with the class on all school trips, swimming etc. On any class or year group trips out of school a named adult is responsible for carrying and administering the inhalers and spacers. The Office team will prepare the medication bags for school trips. **The class teacher will name the responsible adult on the risk assessment.**

#### Emergency Asthma Kits

The school has emergency asthma kits which are held in the School Office.

The emergency inhaler/spacer should only be used in an emergency if the child's own inhaler / spacer is not available (expired / empty / lost). The spacer is to be washed in warm soapy water and left to air dry and the inhaler should be wiped clean with an anti bacterial wipe after use.

The inhaler in the Emergency kit can only be used by children whose parents have consented to the usage.

Each pack will contain

- 2 blue Salbutamol inhalers,
- 2 plastic spacers,
- an emergency asthma plan poster,
- register of consented asthmatic children.

It is the Office Team's job to ensure the class medical bags are regularly checked and contain all the agreed equipment.

#### P.E and Clubs

The Office Team ensures that class teachers and P.E teachers are aware of children with asthma. Staff should inform the Office if any children need their inhalers during exercise.

Teachers need to make sure they take any asthma medication for children with asthma, to any after school sporting events.

Adults who run sports clubs will be made aware of children with asthma through their register. These children will be highlighted on the register.

#### Asthma Attack

In the case of an asthma attack the teacher should follow the instructions on the asthma attack poster situated in all classrooms and keep the child calm. **PLEASE TREAT CHILD WHERE THEY ARE AND SEND FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY.**

### Asthma Friendly School Status

Our school is currently an Asthma Friendly school. This status is reviewed annually by the School Nursing Team and the following criteria must be met each year for it to be awarded:

- ✓ Named Asthma Champion
- ✓ Named Asthma Lead
- ✓ Register of all children with Asthma
- ✓ Management plan for children with asthma (Asthma Action plan)
- ✓ Asthma Champion links with Community Asthma services & attends Annual workshop
- ✓ Clear Asthma policy
- ✓ Accessible inhalers
- ✓ Annual school staff training (minimum 85% attendance required)
- ✓ Display of emergency plan posters
- ✓ Emergency inhaler kits
- ✓ Annual asthma audit

### Whole School Training

In order to support the management of children's asthma within our school, whole school staff training is to be updated annually to ensure that **ALL** staff are aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a child having a possible asthma attack.

### Legal Position

Staff are legally covered by the LEA to administer asthma treatment if they are happy to do so. It is **illegal** to use with one child the inhaler of another, even in an emergency.

Our asthma policy incorporates national guidelines recommended on the management of asthma care in school. The policy is in place to maintain the safety of all children with asthma at our school and to support our school staff team in doing so.

**To be approved by the Governing Body: Summer 2025**

**Next Review Date: Summer 2026**

# ASTHMA ATTACK

## SIGNS OF AN ASTHMA ATTACK:

- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Shortness of breath

Give 2 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Inform parents and welfare officer

No better?

Give up to 6 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Call parents to collect from school and inform welfare officer

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Advise to see GP

No better?

Give up to 10 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Call 999 and ask for an ambulance!

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Give up to 10 puffs every 15 minutes until child is better or help arrives