Spring Meadow Infant School

Asthma Policy

Asthma is a reversible narrowing of the airways which results in wheezing, coughing or tightness in the chest. The severity can vary greatly.

This school:

- Welcomes all pupils with asthma;
- Will encourage and help children with asthma to participate fully in all aspects of school life;
- Recognises that asthma is a potentially serious condition affecting many children;
- Recognises that immediate access to inhalers is vital and that inhalers for relief treatment will be kept in a wallet in a clearly marked cupboard in the child's classroom with the class first aid folder. These inhalers should be taken on school walks and visits. Medicine for regular treatment will be kept with other medicines in the School Office and administered at midday;
- Will note the importance of proper storage of the inhalers – that the protective cap needs to be replaced after use and that they should be shaken to ensure that no foreign body has crept inside after use;
- Will do all it can to make sure that the school environment is favourable to children with asthma. The school is a no smoking area;
- Will ensure that other children understand asthma so that they can support their friends; and so that children with asthma can avoid the stigma sometimes attached to this chronic condition;
- Has a clear understanding of what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack;
- Will work in partnership with parents, Governors, health professionals, school staff and children to ensure the successful implementation of the school asthma policy;
- A list of these children will be kept in the class first aid folder and on the school net work;

Parents will:

- Provide an inhaler with spacer that can be left at school at all times; (The Inhaler must be in its original box with the child's name and specified dosage on.)
- Complete a medication form which will clearly state when the inhaler is to be taken and the dosage required;
- Check the expiry date on the inhaler at the end of every term, and replace it when necessary.

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