

Wolds Federation Asthma Policy



Policy statement

This policy is based on guidance from Asthma UK and local healthcare and education professionals. It is based on the following documents: *Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions* (DfE September 2014) and *Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in schools* (DoH September 2014).

This school recognises that asthma and recurrent wheezing are important conditions affecting increasing numbers of school age children. This school welcomes pupils with asthma.

This school encourages all pupils to achieve their full potential in all aspects of life by having a clear policy and procedures that are understood by school staff, parents / carers and pupils.

Developing and implementing this asthma policy is important to our school.

Training

Staff should be given the opportunity to receive training on signs and symptoms of asthma and how to treat it from the school nursing team/specialist nurses biannually. Where possible, any new staff will receive appropriate training on their appointment.

Indemnity

School staff are not required to administer asthma medication to pupils except in an emergency. However many staff may be happy to give routine medication on the advice of an appropriate healthcare professional. School staff who agree to administer asthma medication are insured by relevant authorities when acting in agreement with this policy.

All school staff will allow pupils **immediate** access to their own asthma medication when they need it.

Record Keeping

When a child with asthma joins this school, parents/carers will be asked to complete an asthma care plan, giving details of the condition and the treatment required. Information from this form will be given to the school nurse for review

and used to compile an “Asthma Register” which is available for all school staff. This register will be updated at least annually or more frequently if required using the information supplied by the parent/carer.

School Trips/Residential Visits

No child will be denied the opportunity to take part in school trips/residential visits because of asthma, unless so advised by their GP or consultant.

The pupil’s reliever inhaler will be readily available to them throughout the trip, being carried either by the child themselves or by the supervising adult in the case of Key Stage 1/2 children.

For residential visits, staff will be advised in the use of regular controller treatments, as well as emergency management.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide written information about all asthma medication required by their child for the duration of the trip. Parents must be responsible for ensuring an adequate supply of medication with the pharmacist instructions is provided.

Group leaders will have appropriate contact numbers with them.

Confidentiality

All staff should treat medical information confidentially.

The school will agree with the pupil where appropriate or otherwise the parent, who else should have access to medical information.

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Compliance

This policy complies with the statutory requirements laid out in the document: *Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions September 2014* (DfE) and the School Partnership and local authority guidance: *Managing Chronic Health Conditions & Infection Control in Schools January 2014* and *Managing Medicines in Schools January 2014*.