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ASTHMA POLICY

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This policy has been written with advice from Asthma UK, school health service, parents and the governing body.

We as a school recognize that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many pupils and we welcome pupils into school with asthma. We as a school encourage pupils with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life, we have a clear policy that is understood by staff, pupils and supply teachers. New staff will be made aware of the policy. All staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma are provided with training on asthma from the school nurse who has had asthma training.

MEDICATION

All inhalers must be named and labeled by parents with the child's name. Inhalers will be kept in a marked box listed with names in the classroom. When children are old enough they will be encouraged to carry their own inhalers. Where possible parents should provide school with a spare in case an inhaler is forgotten or runs out. School staff are not expected to give medication to children except in an emergency, but are quite happy to do so. Children take medication when they need to.

RECORD KEEPING

At the beginning of each school year or when a child joins the school, their medical record will show if the child suffers with asthma. If this is the case a school card will be given to the parent of the child to take to the GP or asthma nurse to be completed and returned to school. An asthma register will be kept and will be available to all staff showing what medication is used and when. The school must be informed of any changes so that records can be updated.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY- P.E AND GAMES

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be aware of children with asthma and who will need their inhaler before exercise, they will ensure the inhaler is available during P.E (in or outside)

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The school does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to pupils with asthma, making it a non-smoking place. The school will also educate all pupils in understanding asthma.

SWIMMING

Asthma is highlighted as a risk in their general emergency policy.

Each child should have their own inhaler available, when going swimming. If a child is in difficulty the first aider would get the child to the side of the pool and assess.

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If the child was in need of attention they will be taken to the First Aid Room. The child must administer their own inhaler with the first aider present.

If the inhaler does not have any affect within 10 minutes, an ambulance is called immediately and INFORM PARENTS.

A MEMBER OF WEST CHITINGTON SCHOOL STAFF WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL SESSIONS THE POOL ENVIRONMENT^[SEP] To ensure a clean environment for asthmatics^[SEP] Pool chemicals are at the correct level.

Temperature in pool area is checked regularly.

No smoking policy.

ASTHMA ATTACKS

All staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack. The following procedure will be displayed in the staffroom and all classrooms.

WHAT TO DO IN AN ASTHMA ATTACK

Let the child take their reliever (blue) inhaler immediately Stay calm and reassure the child

Help the child to breathe- encourage the child to breathe slowly and deeply. Most children find it easier to sit upright. Child should not lie down. You can offer a drink of water

The reliever should work within 5-10 minutes. Minor attacks should not stop child from being involved in classroom activity once feeling better.

EMERGENCY SITUATION

Call an ambulance if

The reliever has no effect after 5-10 minutes

The child is distressed and unable to speak

The child is becoming exhausted

You have any doubts about the child's condition

Continue to give reliever medication while you are waiting for help to arrive. Do not worry that the child may overdose, the medication is quite safe.

Because child's condition could get worse quickly, school staff must not use their own transport to take child to hospital.

PARENTS WILL ALWAYS BE INFORMED IF THEIR CHILD HAS HAD AN ASTHMA ATTACK- MILD OR OTHERWISE.