



ASTHMA MANAGEMENT POLICY

Basic Beliefs

At Berwick Lodge Primary School we believe that all students and staff with Asthma are to have an Individual Asthma Plan that has been completed in consultation with their doctor/specialist. This will support the management of asthma and asthma sufferers as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Goals

The Asthma Management Policy aims to:

- provide information and guidelines to enable all asthmatics to attend and participate in all school based activities, wherever practical.
- Supports the management of the treatment of asthma with asthma sufferers as effectively and efficiently as possible at school and during all school based activities.

Guidelines

The parents of all asthmatic students are required to complete the **Asthma Management Plan**, consistent with Asthma Foundation requirements. This plan needs to be completed by their doctor and updated at least annually (see attached). This information is required by teachers to care for the child and will be kept strictly confidential.

To assist the teachers in managing a child's asthmatic condition, all asthmatic students at Berwick Lodge Primary School will be encouraged to carry their prescribed bronchodilators in the form of an aerosol puffer, turbohaler or similar (as prescribed by their doctor).

Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an adequate supply of appropriate asthma medication (including their own spacer) with them at school at all times.

The staff at Berwick Lodge Primary School are all First Aid trained including being inserviced on asthma. This training is updated every 3 years. All staff are aware of asthma, its symptoms and triggers. Asthma information and individual Asthma Management Plans are filed in the Sick Bay. Children with **severe asthma** have their plans on display for ready access. The designated First Aid staff member will be responsible for regularly checking the contents and expiry date of the reliever puffers.

The First Aid room contains a ventolin puffer and disposable spacers. These items are also taken on all camps and excursions along with a supply of general first aid requirements. Yard Duty bags will also contain a ventolin puffer and a disposable spacer. Staff are NOT required to administer any bronchodilator via a nebuliser (electric pump). This is the responsibility of the parent / guardian of the student concerned.

Children/Staff suffering an asthma attack should be promptly treated according to their Individual Asthma Plan. Should an emergency arise the school will provide a disposable spacer to be used by the student. These are for single person usage only and therefore the family will be asked to reimburse the school for the cost of the disposable spacers required.

Should a student experience a **severe asthma** attack, the following procedure will apply:

The attending teacher will, if possible, request the assistance of another teacher with appropriate First Aid training. One teacher shall stay with the student at all times and administer the appropriate medication, while the other teacher seeks assistance:

- a. The assisting teacher shall, in the first instance, call the parent / guardian who shall be responsible for any further action.
- b. Should the parent / guardian be unavailable, the assisting teacher shall call an ambulance.
- c. When the ambulance has been called, the assisting teacher or office staff will continue to attempt to contact the parent / guardian.

Responsibility for Implementation

The Student Wellbeing Team is responsible for the implementation and continuous monitoring of the policy

The First Aid Officer is responsible for

- the organisation and updating of asthma medication in the sick bay, excursion and camp bags and yard duty bags.
- the overall management and monitoring of students with Asthma

Date Passed by School Council

The Asthma Policy was passed by School Council on 27th October 2014.

Proposed Date of Review

The School Wellbeing Sub-Committee will be responsible for co-ordinating and planning the review of the Asthma Management Policy, under the auspices of School Council. The review period will be three years from the policy being passed by School Council.