

ASTHMA POLICY

OAKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 an important condition affecting many school children.
- ★ recognises that immediate access to inhalers is vital. Inhalers to be kept in relevant classroom.
- ★ will do all it can to make sure that the school environment is favourable to children with asthma.
- ★ 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.
- ★ All staff have a clear understanding of what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack.
- ★ A self medication form will be issued to each child with asthma so that the school will have up-to-date information on each child's treatment.
- ★ Retain an emergency inhaler in a locked cabinet which can be used in an emergency situation when a child does not have their inhaler in school or it has expired/run out.
- ★ Inhalers will be sent home with pupils at the end of the academic year
- ★ Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child's inhaler is in date and replaced as necessary

If needed children are offered advice and guidance on using their inhaler correctly by the School First Aider. Children often fail to obtain relief from their inhalers due to incorrect usage. If a child is in need of relief the inhaler is used in the classroom in the first instance. If relief is not sufficient the child is sent to the First Aider (or First Aider called to classroom if necessary). If relief is still not sufficient either parents or ambulance is called depending on the severity of the attack.

All information relating to a child's asthma medication is recorded both on SIMS and in the school office (FOLDER BY THE TELEPHONE).

See also medicines/supporting children with medical needs policies.

First Aid

Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs

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Signed: _____ Headteacher