

## Northwick Park Primary and Nursery Academy

### Policy on the care and treatment of children with asthma

Northwick Park Primary and Nursery Academy, recognises that asthma is a condition affecting many school children. We will encourage and help children with asthma to participate fully in all aspects of school life.

If a child's asthma is immediate, with no previous visible signs, their medication will be kept in an accessible place in their classroom and taken with them whenever they move around the school. All members of staff will be aware that the child has severe asthma. A Care Plan will probably be in place for a child with severe asthma.

In all other cases, the child's reliever will be kept in the school office. They will be kept in a cupboard accessible to the children, and placed into trays for each year group. Each child will have their inhaler in an individual plastic wallet with their name on. Inhalers will not be shared with any other child.

Only reliever inhalers (blue) will be kept on site. Preventative inhalers (usually brown) which are steroid based are used at home. If a child is severely asthmatic and a GP has directed that a child may need to use a preventative pump during the day, the school will follow that directive. That child will probably have a Care Plan from the Asthma Nurse Specialist.

Times and dates of inhaled medication will be recorded on a record sheet with the expiry date of the medication. The ultimate responsibility for checking expiry dates on medication is the parents.

Physical activity will be encouraged for all children. No child will be refused participation in any activity. Reliever inhalers will be taken to the sports field for the child.

Similarly, when a child goes on a school trip, their medication will be given to the adult in charge of the child. The class teacher will be responsible for ensuring that the medication is taken with them.

School staff will attend appropriate courses to keep up to date on asthma management. Each class is given a list of children in their class with asthma (this list will include other medical conditions).

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