

Beeches Infant School Asthma Policy

Vision statement



HAPPINESS is at the heart of Beeches Infant School. We create a relaxed environment in which each individual child is happy.

We believe everything follows from happiness. Children are more receptive learners when they're happy; they're more caring and respectful when they're happy; and they're much more likely to fulfil their potential when they're happy.

Of course, we'll challenge them through our inspirational teaching. At Beeches Infant School we promote responsibility and independence whilst offering opportunity and support.

We strive for our children to be the best they can be

Asthma Policy

Many children are affected by asthma and we encourage and help those children to participate fully in all aspects of school life, giving them immediate access to their inhalers whenever necessary. We are prepared to take responsibility for these occasions in accordance with the guidelines laid down in this Policy.

- We ensure that inhalers are not stored where there is excessive heat or cold. Asthma medication is kept in the classroom under the supervision of the teacher and reliever inhalers are easily accessible to the child.
- Most children will not need to use their inhalers on a daily basis therefore if the child has experienced symptoms and has had to use their inhaler parents / carers will be informed

This school

- Welcomes pupils with Asthma and recognises their needs
- Works towards ensuring the school environment is favourable to pupils with Asthma
- Expects and encourages parents /carers to give appropriate information to the school regarding their children's Asthma and to provide a prescribed reliever inhaler.
- Recognises that pupils need to have immediate access to their reliever inhaler
- Will access regular Asthma Awareness training for staff

Parents and Carers

- Every child with an Asthma diagnosis must have a reliever (blue) inhaler in school and a spacer device if this is normally used.
- Parents /carers will always be informed if their child has an asthma attack
- School asks that parents/carers check all inhaler/spacer devices termly confirming that inhalers are in date and are full of medication

Exercise and activity

- Pupils with Asthma are encouraged to participate in PE lessons
- Some pupils will need to use their reliever inhalers before exercise
- Inhalers must be readily available at all times including all off site activities

Asthma Attack

- In the event of an Asthma attack school staff should follow the procedure outlined in the Asthma attack flow chart in appendix 1.
- Asthma attack flow charts are displayed in classrooms , first aid area , staff room and office

Training

- All staff access asthma awareness training and receive regular updates so that they know how to manage a child having an asthma attack, when and how to call an ambulance and what to do whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Emergency Inhalers

- An emergency salbutamol inhaler is kept in school. Parents of children who have been diagnosed with Asthma and prescribed an inhaler or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication will be asked to sign to give permission for the use of an emergency inhaler.
- Emergency inhalers can be used if a pupils prescribed inhaler is not available if written permission to do so has been given
- Parents would be informed if the emergency inhaler has been used