

Broadbottom C of E Primary School

Asthma Policy

School Aims

We will....

- Love our God, our world, each other and ourselves
- Cherish our pupils, acting as their champions.
- Provide safe yet challenging opportunities to learn, blossom and grow.
- Surround ourselves with fun, laughter, positivity and happiness, creating a place where memories are made.
- Trust each other to act with integrity and to forgive when we make mistakes.
- Love learning and love life

We aim to....

- Be creative in our thinking, outlook and approach
- Communicate effectively
- Give the time needed for stronger growth
- Find each individual's "spark", develop them as thinkers and provide them with the gift of a love of learning and a belief in themselves.

This policy has been written with advice from the National Asthma Campaign and the School Health Service.

Broadbottom C of E Primary School:-

- Welcomes all children with asthma
- Recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many children
- Encourages and helps children with asthma to participate fully in school life
- Recognises the need for immediate access to inhalers
- Does all it can to make sure that the school environment is favourable to asthmatics
- Ensures that all staff understand asthma
- Understands what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack and inform parents immediately
- Works in partnership with children parents, staff, governors and the school health service
- To ensure the successful implementation of this asthma policy.
- This school encourages children with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff and pupils.
- Supply teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy.
- All of the teaching staff and non-teaching staff have asthma training from the school nurse and the training is updated at regular intervals.
- We also have six fully trained first aiders in school.
- When a child joins the school the parents are asked to inform us if their child has asthma.
- It is also important that parents inform the school if their child **subsequently** develops asthma. This information is requested annually through data protection forms.

- All parents of children with asthma are asked to give us information about their child's medication. Every parent must complete an asthma form which is kept in the School Office for our records. From this information the school keeps its asthma register.
- If the child's medication changes parents are asked to inform the school.
- Immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital. Children's inhalers are kept in the School Office.
- Reliever inhalers are taken with the children when they go on a school trip.
- All reliever inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent.
- We have a register of all children who have an inhaler.
- School staff are not required to administer medication to children unless the child is too young or breathless to do it themselves.

All school staff will let children take their medication when they need to.

- Taking part in PE is an essential part of school life and children with asthma are encouraged to participate fully.
- Teachers are aware of which children in their class have asthma and they will remind children whose asthma is triggered by exercise to take their reliever inhaler before the lesson.
- If a child needs to use their reliever inhaler during the lesson they will be able to do so.
- The school does all that it can to ensure that the school environment is favourable to children with asthma.
- The school has a non-smoking policy and is aware of the possible effects of keeping pets in the classroom.
- As far as is possible the school does not use chemicals in science or art that are potential triggers for children with asthma.
- If a child is missing a lot of school because of asthma the class teacher will try to provide work for the child to do at home. If the child starts to fall behind in class the teacher will talk to the school nurse and the special educational needs co-ordinator about the situation.
- The school recognises that it is possible for children with asthma to have special educational needs because of asthma.
- All staff who come into contact with children with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack.
- The following procedure is clearly displayed in all classrooms.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ASTHMA ATTACK

- Deal with the child wherever the attack occurs. (A change of air can make the problem worse.)
- Ensure the child's reliever inhaler is taken immediately.
- Help the child to breathe by ensuring tight clothing is loosened and arms are resting on the back of a chair, then send for a first aider.
- Administer Inhaler with prescribed dosage.
- If there is no improvement after 5 minutes give the child the reliever inhaler again.

Contact the parents and call an ambulance if:-

- ❖ *The reliever inhaler has had no effect after a further 5 to 10 minutes.*
- ❖ *The child is either distressed or unable to talk.*
- ❖ *The child is getting exhausted.*
- ❖ *You have any doubts at all about the child's condition.*

- Minor attacks should not interrupt a child's involvement in school.
- When they feel better they can return to school activities.
- Parents will be informed if their child has an asthma attack in school by the school planner.