

Lawley Village Primary Academy



Asthma Policy

January 2018
Review date: Autumn 2019

The Principles of our school Asthma Policy

- The School recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many school children and welcomes all pupils with asthma
- Ensures that children with asthma participate fully in all aspects of school life including PE
- Recognises that immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital
- Keeps records of children with asthma and the medication they take
- Ensures the school environment is favourable to children with asthma
- Ensures that other children understand asthma
- Ensures all staff who come into contact with children with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack
- Will work in partnership with all interested parties including all school staff, parents, governors, doctors and nurses, and children to ensure the policy is implemented and maintained successfully

This policy has been written with advice from the Department for Education and Employment, National Asthma Campaign, the local education authority, the school health service, parents, the governing body and pupils

1. This school recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many school children and positively welcomes all pupils with asthma.
2. This school encourages children with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff, their employers (the local education authority) and pupils. Supply teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy. All staff who come into contact with children with asthma are provided with training on asthma regularly, from the school nurse who has had asthma training.

Medication

Immediate access to reliever is vital. Children are encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler as soon as the parents, doctor or nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. The reliever inhalers of younger children are kept in the classroom within green medical boxes. Parents are asked to ensure that the school is provided with a labelled spare reliever inhaler.

All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name. School staff are will administer medication to children who cannot do it themselves.

Record Keeping

At the beginning of each school year, or when a child joins the school, parents are asked if their child has asthma. All parents of children with asthma are given an asthma healthcare plan which they are required to fill out with as much detail about their asthma as possible. See appendix 2 attached.

From this information the school keeps an asthma register which is available for all school staff. If medication changes in between times, parents are asked to inform the school.

Lawley Academy does now hold an emergency inhaler as per 'Guidance on the use of Emergency Salbutamol inhalers in schools' September 2014

Parents of children with Asthma are sent a letter asking permission for the emergency inhaler to be used in the event that their own inhaler is not available. See Appendix 1 Attached.

The school holds inhalers for each child and they are regularly checked for expiry dates by a member of staff.

PE

Taking part in sports is an essential part of school life. Teachers are aware of which children have asthma from the asthma register. Children with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in PE. Teachers will remind children whose asthma is triggered by exercise to take their reliever inhaler before the lesson and complete a warm up of a couple of short sprints over five minutes before the lesson. Each child's inhalers will be in a labelled pouch and kept in a box at the site of the lesson. If a child needs to use their inhaler during the lesson, they will be encouraged to do so.

The School Environment

The school does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to children with asthma. As far as possible the school does not use chemicals in science and art lessons that are potential triggers for children with asthma.

Making the School Asthma Friendly

The school ensures that all children understand asthma. Asthma can be included in Key Stages 1 and 2 in science, design and technology, geography, history and PE of the national curriculum. Children with asthma and their friends are encouraged to learn about asthma; information for children and teens can be accessed from the following website www.asthma.org.uk.

When a Child is falling behind in lessons

If a child is missing a lot of time from school because of asthma or is tired in class because of disturbed sleep and falling behind in class, the class teacher will initially talk to the parents. If appropriate the teacher will then talk to the school nurse and special educational needs coordinator about the situation. The school recognises that it is possible for children with asthma to have special education needs because of asthma.

Asthma Attacks

All staff who come into contact with children with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack. The school follows the following procedure: -

- 1. Ensure that the reliever inhaler is taken immediately.**
- 2. Stay calm and reassure the child.**
- 3. Help the child to breathe by ensuring tight clothing is loosened.**

After the attack

Minor attacks should not interrupt a child's involvement in school. When they feel better they can return to school activities.

The child's parents must be told about the attack.

Emergency procedure

Call the child's doctor urgently from the main office using the asthma register to find out the number of the GP if:

- The reliever has no effect after five to ten 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

If the Doctor is unobtainable, call an ambulance

- If for any reason the child stops breathing, an ambulance should be called immediately

A child should always be taken to hospital in an ambulance. School staff should not take them in their car as the child's condition may deteriorate



Emergency Inhalers
2014.pdf

Appendix 1

**Consent Form:
Use of Emergency Salbutamol Inhaler**

Lawley Village Primary Academy

Child showing symptoms of asthma / having asthma attack

1. I can confirm that my child has been diagnosed with asthma / has been prescribed an inhaler [delete as appropriate].
2. My child has a working, in-date inhaler, clearly labelled with their name, which they will bring with them to school every day.
3. In the event of my child displaying symptoms of asthma, and if their inhaler is not available or is unusable, I consent for my child to receive salbutamol from an emergency inhaler held by the school for such emergencies.

Signed: Date:

Name (print).....

Child's name:

Class:

Parent's address and contact details:

.....
.....
.....

Telephone:

E-mail:

I consent to photo ID being used on the asthma register Yes / No [delete as appropriate]

Appendix 2

School Asthma Healthcare Plan

Childs name	
Date of birth	
Class	
Child's address	
Date asthma diagnosed	

Family Contact Information

Parents/guardians name	
Phone numbers	Home: Work: Mobile:
Parents/guardians name	
Phone numbers	Home: Work: Mobile:
Details of GP	Address: Phone number:

Describe how the asthma affects your child including their typical symptoms and asthma 'triggers'.

--

Describe their daily care requirements including the name of their asthma medicine(s), how often it is used and the dose (*E.g. once or twice a day, just when they have asthma systems, before sport*)

Describe what an asthma attack looks like for your child and the action to be if this occurs

Who is to be contacted in an emergency? Give three contact telephone numbers

Form copied to: (to be completed by the school asthma lead)

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Remember:

- 1. It is your responsibility to tell the school about any changes in your child's asthma and/or their asthma medications**

- 2. It is your responsibility to ensure your child has their 'relieving' medication and individual spacer with them in school and that it is clearly labelled with their name. you should confirm this with your child's class teacher.**

- 3. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child's asthma medication has not expired.**

Print Name _____

Date _____

Signed _____