

## **Durdan's Park Primary School School Asthma Policy**

At Durdan's Park Primary School we recognise that Asthma is a serious but controllable condition. We welcome all children with asthma in our school and they are encouraged to take part in all activities.

### **Aims**

- All teaching and support staff are asthma aware and receive annual training by the school nurse.
- All children with asthma have immediate access to their emergency relief inhaler.
- All children understand asthma so that they can support their friends.
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and are regularly updated.
- There is good communication between home and school.

### **At School**

- When a child joins the school parents/carers will be asked if their child has asthma.
- Parents/carers of children with asthma will be given a school asthma card to complete. From this information we will compile a school asthma register.
- The parent/carer will need to sign and return the permission to administer medication slip.
- Parents/carers will update their records with the school office if there are any changes in their child's asthma or medication.
- We will do everything we can to make sure that our school is favourable to pupils with asthma and reduce the presence of triggers where possible.

### **Inhalers**

- Immediate access to emergency relief inhalers is essential.
- All classrooms have an asthma box containing a spacer device and the child's labelled inhaler.
- A spare labelled inhaler and spacer if kept in an unlocked cupboard in the Welfare Room.
- Parents/Carers must supply two emergency relief inhalers to the school and must make sure that they are in date.
- The Welfare Assistant will manage the inhaler store.
- Masks will not be accepted in school.
- Herbal medicines and syrups will not be accepted in school.
- Preventer inhalers (brown, orange, purple or green) are not accepted in school.
- Asthma inhalers will accompany the class at all times including outdoor lessons, school trips and any evacuation.

- School staff are not required to administer medication, however many are happy to do so if necessary. The child will be encouraged to take their inhaler themselves whenever possible.
- Children will never be denied access to their inhaler.
- Children will NEVER be given another child's inhaler.
- We will inform the parent/carer if their child is using their inhaler device more than usual.
- A shared spacer device will need to be used occasionally. This spacer will be cleaned between each use in accordance with local infection control policy.

### **Exercise and Activity**

- We encourage all pupils to take part in sport and other activities.
- PE teachers and supply staff will be aware of children with asthma in their group.
- Pupils with exercise triggered asthma will be reminded to take their inhaler 10 minutes prior to exercise.
- We make sure all pupils warm up and down thoroughly.
- Pupils will be allowed to take their inhaler if needed and to rejoin the lesson when they have recovered.

### **When A Pupil Falls Behind**

- The class teacher will initially speak to the parent and suggest an asthma review appointment at the GP surgery.
- The school teacher may also request the advice and support of the School Health Nurse or Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

### **Asthma Friendly School**

- Our school is 'asthma friendly' and makes use of every opportunity to raise awareness of asthma in our community.

### **Asthma Attack**

- The asthma UK asthma attack procedure will be visible displayed in the staffroom and in every classroom.

Footnote:

Ealing Council Liability insurance indemnifies all staff to assist with the administration of asthma medication where required.