

Asthma Policy

Mission Statement

Jesus light our way on our faith journey.
Be our guide, our joy and our hope, as we learn, live, love and pray together

Introduction

This asthma policy has been written with guidance from:

- Medication Guidance for Birmingham Schools 2012.
- Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust Asthma Guidance for Staff Working in Birmingham Schools, Early Years settings and Play Service 2014
- Managing Medicines in School and Early Years Settings, DfES/DH, March 2005 (Revised Nov 2007) available from;
www.education.gov.uk/schoolspupilsupport/pastoralcare/b0013771managing-medicines-in-school
- Schools Policy Guidelines, Asthma UK, 2006
- DfE Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions 2014

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Policy Statement

St Joseph's school recognises that asthma is a recognised medical condition and welcomes students with asthma and recognises their needs.

The school strives to ensure that students with asthma can and do participate fully in all aspects of school life. This includes P.E. school visits, and outings and other out of hours activities.

The school recognises that students with asthma will need immediate access to reliever (blue) inhaler at all times.

St Joseph's School ensures that the whole school environment, including the physical, social and educational environment is favourable to students with asthma.

The school ensures that all staff (including supply) and support staff know what to do if an asthmatic student has an asthma attack.

School Admission

All parents/carers will be asked to complete an admission form giving full details of the child's asthma, current medication, emergency contact numbers, family G.P. and any relevant hospital details.

It is the responsibility of all parents/carers of students on the School Roll to notify the school of any changes in their child's treatment details. Treatment details should be accessible at all times.

Every student with an asthma diagnosis should have access to their reliever inhaler at all times.

In The Event of an Asthma Attack

- All staff must know how to deal with a student experiencing an asthma attack.
- The main symptoms of an asthma attack are: continuous coughing wheezing and increased shortness of breath.
- In the event of an asthma attack the staff are to follow the procedure outlined in the asthma attack flow chart

Safety and Storage of Asthma Inhalers

- All inhalers are stored in a secure labelled storage box.
- A clearly labelled inhaler with the pupils name is held in each pupils classroom.
- Parents/carers will be notified if the spare reliever inhaler has been used during the school day.
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child's medication is in date and replenished as necessary.
- Inhalers should not be stored where there is excessive heat or cold.

Exercise and Activity

- Students with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all P.E lessons and sports activities, including swimming.
- Some students with asthma may need to use their reliever inhaler before or after exercising
- Reliever inhalers must be readily available at all times during the school day and including off site activities, e.g. swimming, trips.

Out of Hours Activities/Residential Activities

- It is important that the school involves students with asthma as much as possible in after school activities.
- Please refer to the school Educational Visits Policy

School Environment

- The school does all that it can to ensure that the school environment is favourable to pupils with asthma.
- The school does not keep furry or feathered animals. There is also a no smoking policy in line with local authority and statutory policies and protocol.

Training

All staff should access asthma awareness training and receive regular updates so that they can recognise and know how to manage a student experiencing an asthma attack. They must know when and how to call a Paramedic ambulance and what to do whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Access and Review of Policy

St Joseph's School asthma policy will be accessible to all staff and the school community. Hard copies can be obtained through the school office.

Date: January 2016 Signed:..... Chair H & S Committee