

Lingfield Notre Dame

Asthma Policy

At Lingfield Notre Dame School we aim to support children who have asthma and try to ensure that they are not disadvantaged in any way whilst at our school. To achieve this we ask for the support and cooperation of the parents.

1. We require medication details to be kept in the office and be regularly updated by parents if the medication dosage or frequency is changed. Parents must complete a medical consent form. It is essential that we have up to date contact numbers which can be used in an emergency.
2. We expect that all children needing reliever inhalers will have two on school premises. All inhalers must be clearly labelled with the child's full name and date of birth. If parents will not provide an inhaler they must sign a disclaimer.
3. Each inhaler is for the personal use of the child and will not be available to anyone else. It is the responsibility of the parents to make sure that the dosage is correct, that there is sufficient medication in the inhaler and that they are not being used beyond their expiry date. Parents are responsible for keeping the school informed of any problems, concerns or changes to their child's reliever medication. Inhalers which use powder capsules; should be taken home periodically and washed. Each inhaler is to be taken home at the end of the summer term.
4. Inhalers will be accessible at all time. They will be kept in the classroom. Children who have exercise induced asthma will have the opportunity to use their inhaler before they start exercise. If a child becomes wheezy during exercise, they will be able to take their reliever and rest until they feel better. Our aim is to encourage the pupils' independence, self confidence and responsibility in dealing with their condition.
5. Off school premises (outings, sporting events, local walks etc.) All teachers on off-site activities should have a list of the asthmatic pupils in their care.

Infants and Nursery

The teacher/group leader looks after the reliever medication and the asthmatic pupils are told who to go to if they should become "wheezy." In the event of a pupil needing to use their inhaler, the teacher/group leader will record the dose taken and time.

Juniors

The respective pupils take their own reliever medication (inhalers) with them.

Staff have regular First Aid Training.

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