

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School



Policy Document: Health & Safety: Asthma Management Policy 2018

Monitor: Headteacher

Governors: Health and Safety Committee

A POSITIVE APPROACH TO ASTHMA

Cheswardine Primary School welcomes pupils with asthma. They are encouraged to take full part in all activities of the school. Cheswardine Primary School has adopted **The Policy and Guidance for The Management of Asthma in Schools in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.**

ASTHMA EDUCATION

All staff are advised on practical asthma management. They are familiar with all types of inhaler and have had training in their use and how they should be used effectively. Close contact is maintained with the School Nurse who is involved in the Asthma Education in the school, and we ask her for guidance when it is needed. **Mandy Blank and Sally Whitehouse are the named Asthma practitioners.**

PARENTS

On entry to the school, parents are asked whether their child suffers from asthma. Parents of children who may require inhalers, during the school day, are requested to have a spare inhaler, which may be kept at school. The same applies to preventer inhalers. Parents are requested to complete the medical form detailed at 5;2:7 of the Shropshire County Council Health and Safety disk.

Parents are contacted when a pupil requests frequent use of their inhaler. Parents should regularly check to see if an inhaler is running out.

ACCESS TO INHALERS

Inhalers are to be kept in the child's classroom. The School Secretary will ask parents to complete the appropriate forms stating when medication should be given. A record is kept of all inhalers kept in school, along with a record of the date and time any inhalers have been administered. Children will keep one inhaler with them.

The school ensures that there is access to reliever inhalers at all times; in the classroom, on the sports field, at break, at lunchtimes and on school trips.

SPORTS

The aim of total normal activity should be the goal for all but the most severely affected pupil with asthma. However, nearly all young people with asthma can become wheezy during exercise.

Children who have exercise induced asthma will be given an opportunity to take a puff of their inhaler before they start that exercise. Teachers will be made aware that some children are shy of doing this in public.

Pupils who are normally active will not be forced to participate in PE if they say they are too wheezy to continue.

PASSIVE SMOKING

The Governors have declared the school and its grounds as a 'No Smoking' area, therefore pupils are not exposed to this hazard.

NEBULISERS

Where a pupil has to use a Nebuliser to deliver drugs, the school will liaise with the GP/Nurse on the correct management.

IN THE CASE OF AN ASTHMA ATTACK

Staff members dealing with a child who is having an asthma attack will not limit their use of their reliever medication - you cannot overdose on an inhaler.

Children should be sat on a chair and should not be crowded by others. A firstaider must be contacted immediately, who will then decide to contact the emergency services if required.

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL ASTHMA HEALTH CARE PLAN



Child's Name

Class

Date of Birth

Child's Address

Medical diagnosis or condition

Family Contact Information

Name

Phone No (Work)

(Home)

(Mobile)

Name

Phone No (Work)

(Home)

(Mobile)

Clinic/Hospital Contact

Name

Phone No

G P

Name

Address

Phone No

Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms

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Daily care requirements (eg before sport/at lunchtime)

Describe what constitutes an emergency for the child, and the action to take if this occurs

Who is to be contacted in an emergency

APPENDIX 2:

REQUEST FOR CHILD TO CARRY THEIR OWN MEDICATION

Name of school	
Child's name	
Class	
Address	
Name of medicine	
Procedures to be taken in an emergency	

Contact Information

Name	
Daytime phone no	
Relationship to Child	

I would like my son/daughter to keep their medicine themselves for use as necessary.

Signed _____

PRINT NAME _____

Relationship to pupil _____

Date _____

APPENDIX 3

Dear Parent

Re: The School Asthma Health Care Plan

We see from your child's personal information form that your child has asthma/breathing condition and/or uses an inhaler.

As part of accepted good practice and with advice from the local PCT, hospital specialists, LA's and Department for Education & Skills, our school has recently established a new School Asthma Policy.

As part of this new policy, we are asking all parents/guardians of children and young people with asthma to help us by completing a School Asthma Health Care Plans for their child/children.

The completed School Asthma Health Care Plan will store helpful details about your child's current medicines, triggers, individual symptoms and emergency contact numbers. The Care Plan will help school staff to better understand your child's individual condition.

I look forward to receiving your child's completed School Asthma Health Care Plan.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

S W King
Headteacher

APPENDIX 4 PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE

The school will not give your child medicine unless you complete and sign this form, and the school has a policy that staff can administer medicine.

Name of child	
Date of birth	
Class	
Medical condition or illness	
Name and phone no of GP	

Name/type of medicine (as described on the container)	
Dosage and method	
Are there any side effects that the school needs to know about?	
Procedures to take in an emergency	

Contact Details	
Name	
Daytime telephone No	
Relationship to child	
Address	

I accept that this is a service that the school is not obliged to undertake. I understand that I must notify the school of any changes in writing.

Date _____ Signature _____

Please note: It is your responsibility to ensure that the school is kept informed about changes to your child's medicines, including how much they take and when. It is also your responsibility to provide the school with medication that is clearly labelled and in date.