



Queen's Park C.E./U.R.C.
Primary School

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Asthma Policy

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The School:

- ✓ recognises that asthma is a serious condition affecting many school children
- ✓ 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 that policy is implemented and maintained successfully.

School asthma policy

This policy has been written with advice from the DfE, The Department of Health and Asthma UK. This school encourages children with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff, their employers and pupils.

1. **Medication.** Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent, doctor or nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the school is provided with labelled inhalers. The inhalers of all children will be stored in the staff room stock cupboard, which must be kept unlocked at all times for easy access. If needed, inhaler to be collected by a member of staff, when class goes off site.

School staff are not required to administer medication to children except in an emergency, however many of our staff are happy to do this.

All staff have been asthma trained (training took place in November 2018-refresher training will take place November 2019).

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Staff will let children take their own medication when they need to. In an extreme emergency, 999 will be called and the medical advice offered will be followed.

2. **Record keeping.** When a child starts at the school, medical conditions, if any, including asthma are noted. These conditions are noted on a medical register which is held on the SIMS system and is noted on each class' profile. Regular meetings take place between the school's SENCO and school nurse to discuss children on the medical register. All classrooms have an asthma flow chart poster identifying the correct procedures for using inhalers and seeking medical advice. There is also up to date information shared on the school's medical board in the staff room. At lunchtime, our dedicated MDS will deal with any incidents of first aid and will pass on relevant information to the class teacher and keep written records on our CPOMs safeguarding system. All staff in school have access to medical registers and there are first aid trained personnel on site at all times - see first aid policy for further information.

3. **PE.** Taking part in sports is an essential part of school life. Teachers are aware of which children have asthma from the medical register. Children with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in PE. If needed when on site a child or member of staff may fetch the box from the staff room.

As recommended in D of H 'Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in school' document, section - page 11 - 'the emergency kit': school will hold an emergency kit and will provide parents / carers with consent form.

Please see medical information board in the staff room for further information for guidance on the use of Salbutamol inhalers published the Dept of Health (March 2015)