

CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Asthma Policy



'At Calshot we aim to provide the highest quality of learning and care for ALL children in a safe and enjoyable environment, nurturing personal values, in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We expect everyone in our school to strive to achieve their full potential.'

POLICY STATEMENT

Calshot Primary School:

- Welcomes pupils with asthma and recognises their needs
- Expects and encourages parents/carers to give appropriate information to the school regarding their child's asthma and to provide the prescribed inhaler and spacer device (if required)
- Recognises that pupils need to have immediate access to their reliever inhaler
- Will encourage and help pupils who have asthma to fully participate in all aspects of school life
- The DHT maintains an asthma register and records for each class can be found in the class registers (it states which pupil uses an inhaler and where they can be found)

ON ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

- All parents/carers will be asked to complete a form giving full details of their child's asthma, regular medication, contact numbers, family GP and any other relevant details
- Every pupil with an asthma diagnosis must have a blue reliever inhaler available in school and a spacer device if this is normally used

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATION

- All inhaler devices need to be clearly labelled with the pupil's name
- Inhalers will be kept in the classroom in a box, under the supervision of the class teacher
- Inhalers should be easily accessible to the pupil
- If a child uses their blue inhaler in a manner which is out of the ordinary pattern of usage, the class teacher will contact the parent
- Parents/carers will always be informed if their child has an asthma attack
- If pupils leave the school premises for an activity they must have their reliever inhalers with them
- Parents/carers need to check all reliever inhalers/spacer devices regularly, confirming that the inhalers are in date and full of medication

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate in PE lessons
- Some pupils with asthma may need to use their reliever inhaler before exercising
- Reliever inhalers must be readily available at all times

ASTHMA ATTACK

- It is important that all staff know how to deal with a child experiencing an asthma attack
- In the event of an asthma attack school staff should follow the procedure outlined in the Asthma Attack Flowchart; the flowchart is displayed in the staffroom, the first aid area, early years and the Before and After School Club building

TRAINING

- All staff should access asthma awareness training and receive updates regularly so that they can recognise and know how to deal with a child having an asthma attack, when and how to call an ambulance and what to do whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

This policy was agreed by the 'Health, Safety, Buildings and Welfare Committee' on 12th November 2020.