

Home-grown in Malvern

Asthma Policy

All members of staff recognise that asthma is an important condition that affects many children, so therefore we have a policy in place to clearly state the procedure in which all members of staff will follow.

All members of staff must:

- encourage and help children with asthma to participate fully in activities
- ensure that all inhalers are stored correctly and safely on the top shelf of the first aid cupboard.
- ensure the environment is favourable to children with asthma
- ensure that other children in my care understand that asthma can be serious
- ensure that all staff members know what to do if a child has an asthma attack to protect the child's welfare in the event of an emergency
- work with parents of children with asthma to ensure that their children are in a safe and caring environment
- ensure children with asthma are fully aware of where their inhalers are kept so that they can have immediate access to them if they need to. This may include allowing them to carry it on them either in their pocket or inhaler pouch, if they are mature enough to do this. We would request that the setting is also given an inhaler to keep, in case the child forgets to bring it back with them either from school or from home. If, after discussion between the parents/carers and the doctor or nurse, it is believed that a particular child is too young to carry their inhaler, a member of staff will keep it with them.

Parents must be aware that they need to let members of staff know if their child needs to be reminded to take their inhaler, and if they need to do it privately as we appreciate that some children are shy about taking their medication in front of others.

Parents are encouraged to tell members of staff about their child's asthma symptoms, how to recognise when their symptoms are getting worse and how to help them take their reliever medicine. We will record this information on the child's personal record form.

Staff members will always inform parents if their child has experienced asthma symptoms and had to use their reliever medicine.

We need parents to provide written information detailing:

- what asthma medicines the child takes and when
- what triggers the child's asthma and what to do if the child's asthma gets worse
- emergency contact details

Members of staff will ensure any spare medicines stored by me are labelled and have not passed their expiry date.

Signed:

Date Reviewed: