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## **Asthma Policy**

We at Barton-le-Clay pre-school are aware that some children suffer from asthma and that this condition could exist in more than a small number of children attending our group. To uphold the principles of the Every Child Matters programme it is our intention not to exclude any child that has an asthmatic condition that is attending and has medication.

Our first aiders are: Emma Bulford, Sara Goodall, Shelby Batchelor, Alison Denman and Rachael Bowie.

### **Aim**

We aim to make our pre-school a place where children suffering from asthmatic conditions feels safe and at ease. We take every precaution necessary to ensure that safety is not compromised, be it in the pre-school or an organised outing.

In order to achieve this aim we follow the pre-school asthma policy which includes details on how to deal with a child suffering an asthma attack.

- We welcome children with asthma into the pre-school and recognise that it is an important condition affecting many children.
- Our registration forms include a section where a parent/carer can clearly identify any medical problems, allergies or other known disorder that our staff should be aware of when the child starts.
- We then ask the parents/carers about their child's asthma symptoms, how to recognise when their symptoms are getting worse and how to help them take their reliever medicine.
- *The pre-school cannot be held liable under any circumstances where there has been a failure to disclose relevant information that is pertinent to the administration of symptom relief.*
- It is the parent/carers responsibility to inform the pre-school of any changes to the state of the child health.
- This information is recorded in the child's personal file and all members of staff are made aware of the condition.
- The emergency contact details of the parent/carer are easily accessible in case a child has an asthma attack.
- Before admission staff are made aware of what to do if a child has an asthma attack. This is done acting on advice procured from the parent on registration of the child.
- We try to ensure the pre-school environment is conducive to asthma sufferers
- We ensure that other children in pre-school understand that asthma can be a serious condition.



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Asthma inhalers are considered by most insurers to be oral medication and therefore must be included in the guidelines as if they were prescription medicine. In exceptional circumstances when agreement is made in accordance with the following conditions the remainder of the asthma policy can come into force.

- A) The parent must provide prior written consent. This must include the types of medicine used to treat the condition, what triggers are known to cause an attack and what to do if the asthma becomes worse.
- B) Information must be provided by the parent giving clear instructions about the dosage, administration and permission for a member of staff to follow the instructions. All medicines provided must be in date and clearly labelled with dosage and child's name in order for the pre-school to administer them. This must be an official pharmaceutical label and not one made up by the parent.

**If consent is given**

We actively encourage all children suffering asthma to participate fully in the activities provided.

The child's inhaler will be kept in an easily accessible place where all staff are aware of where they are kept in an emergency.

We realise many children are shy about taking asthma medicine in front of other children and that some may need a discreet reminder to take their medicine, especially if they need to take it before exercise. We therefore try to be sensitive to each and every child's personal needs.

We will always ensure that the reliever medication is taken with the child on outings.

We always inform the parent /carer if the child has experienced asthma symptoms and had to use their reliever medicine during a pre-school session and always record this in the medication book and ask for the parent/carers signature.



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