Woodlands Primary School and Nursery

Asthma Policy

Date of policy review:	Next Review Date: **October 2027**

Introduction

- **THIS DOCUMENT IS** a statement of the principles and strategies for dealing with Asthma

- **THIS POLICY will be REVIEWED** every two years.

Statement of Principle

Woodlands Primary School has approximately 450 pupils. The school has first aiders and a centrally located, easy accessible Medical Area.

There are clearly defined policies and procedures regarding asthmatic pupils and their reliever medications. These policies and procedures, which are also applicable to the Nursery, are outlined in the following pages of this report.

Parents of asthmatic pupils are responsible for keeping the school informed of any problems, concerns or changes to their child's reliever medication.

This home/school partnership ensures each child's condition is closely monitored.

Aims

- To enable all asthmatic children to follow a full curriculum as is their entitlement.
- To ensure that all asthmatic children are known to staff and procedures are carried out for their benefit.
- To enable staff and pupils to understand the problems involved with the condition and how to deal with them.
- To encourage parents to keep the school informed of developments in the condition of their children.

Register of Asthmatic Pupils (Ref. doc pupils with medical conditions)

At the beginning of each academic year, the Administration updates the register of asthmatic pupils and their medication.

This is achieved by:

a) Request to parents to have an Asthma Health Care Plan is requested, detailing triggers, medication, dosage and procedure to be followed in the event of an emergency.

b) Parents are requested to come in and see the Administration Team to confirm any/no changes to reliever medication and/or dosage since previous year.

A copy of the register which lists pupil's names, classes and reliever medication is then displayed in the first aid area to further ensure that we are vigilant.

Authorisation for Administration of Medication

Before the school can undertake the administration of reliever medication for asthmatic pupils, the parent/guardian of the respective pupils must complete and sign a Medical Consent Form which details reliever medication, dosage, time and frequency of administration.

Control of Reliever Medication (Inhalers)

2 inhalers are required in school regardless of age, a METERED DOSE INHALER with a spacer during an acute asthma attack. This is in ADDITIONAL to their existing inhaler, which we hold in the pupil classroom.

All inhalers are stored in clearly marked containers, younger pupils are supervised whilst taking medication and this is logged, and older pupils are responsible for taking their inhalers independently.

Each inhaler is clearly labelled with the respective pupils name, class and dosage.

Procedure for Administration of Reliever Medication

On School Premises

a) All asthmatic pupils (registered) have their medication in class. Medication dosage is as detailed on their Drug Authorisation Consent Form.

b) In the event of a pupil complaining of being "wheezy" during lessons, the teacher will ask the pupil if they need to have their medicine which they administer themselves.

   If the teacher is not satisfied that the inhaler is taking effect, another class pupil is sent to fetch a First Aider.

c) A child carries the container to outside activities i.e. P.E./Games. It is recommended that pupils take their blue inhaler before PE lessons / exercise or running around.

School Field

Staff are required to carry a mobile phone when on duty or conducting a PE lesson on the fields or ensure that they have their TA with them in the event of an emergency.

Off School Premises (Outings, Swimming, Local Walks)

All teachers/group leaders on off-site activities have a list of the asthmatic pupils in their care. A report to be maintained of pupils medical conditions.

(a)	KS1 & Nursery children	The teacher/group leader looks after the reliever medication (inhalers) and the asthmatic pupils are told who to go to if they should become "wheezy". In the event of a pupil needing to use their inhaler, the teacher/group leader will record the dose taken and time and will report the information back to the Welfare Assistant on return to the school premises.

(b) KS2 children — The respective pupils take their own reliever medication (inhalers) with them and are told that they must inform the teacher /group leader if they need to use their inhaler so that the dose taken and time recorded and the information reported to the Welfare Assistant on return to the school premises.

Emergency Salbutamol Inhaler Kits

Please see the school Protocol for the use of emergency Salbutamol Inhalers in Schools.

Following a change in regulations we have now been to purchase two emergency Salbutamol Inhalers kits for school.

They are located in:-

1 SCHOOL OFFICE

2 EYFS OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE:-

The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children:

- who have been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed a reliever inhaler;
  OR
- who have been prescribed a reliever inhaler;

AND for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given.

This information should be recorded in a child's individual healthcare plan.

1 The school holds a register of those pupils who suffer from Asthma and it identifies those pupils where we have parental consent to use the school emergency inhaler, if required. A copy is held in the Emergency Salbutamol kits and also our school First Aid folders.
2 This is reviewed annually in line with the Pupil Health Care Plans.
3 Monthly checks of the kits are carried out and recorded.
4 Please notify the School Office if the inhalers have been used.
5 If an inhaler is used parents must be notified in writing through the office.
6 All documentation and copies of protocol will be in the kits for your information
7 All First Aid trained staff have received a copy of the Protocol and all staff can access information and can be found on Sharepoint
8 Expired inhalers must be returned to a pharmacy for destruction and we are registered legally to do this as a low-tier waster carrier.

Our registration number is: CBDL35794.

Woodlands Primary School is registered as a lower tier waste carrier/broker/dealer with the Environment Agency

This policy is available to parents for comment on the internet and in a folder kept in the school entrance hall. Pupils are given the opportunity to comment on relevant issues through the school council.