



Scalford C of E Primary School

Asthma Policy 2016

Please also refer to First Aid Policy

The Governing Body of Scalford C E Primary School adopted this policy April 2016. It will be reviewed again in 2018.

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This policy has been written with advice from the Department for Children and Family Services, the National Asthma Campaign, the local education authority, the school health service, parents the governing body and pupils.

- Scalford School recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many school children and positively welcomes children with asthma.
- We encourage children with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff, the LA, parents and pupils. Supply teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy. All staff who come into contact with children with asthma are provided with training on asthma from the school nurse. Training is updated once a year.

Medication

- Immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital. Children are encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler as soon as parent, doctor or nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. The reliever inhalers of younger children are kept either in the class or in the office. Parents are asked to ensure that school is provided with a labelled spare reliever inhaler. The class teacher will hold this separately in case the child's own inhaler runs out or is lost or forgotten. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent. School staff are not required to administer medicine except in an emergency. However, any staff who agree to administer medicine are insured by the local education authority when acting in accordance with this policy. **All staff will let children take their own medication when they need to.**

Record Keeping

- At the beginning of each school year or when a child first joins the school, parents are asked if their child has asthma. A record is made of this and all staff are made aware of this. A register is kept. If medication changes parents are asked to keep the school informed.

PE

- Taking part in sports is an essential part of school life. Children with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in PE. Teachers will remind children whose asthma is triggered by exercise to take their reliever inhaler before the lesson. Each child's inhaler will be available for appropriate use during the PE lesson if needed.

Inhalers

- From 1st October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to buy salbutamol inhalers, without a prescription, for use in emergencies.
- The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children, for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.
- The inhaler can only be used if the pupil's prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, because it is broken, or empty). More information is available on the Department of Health and Asthma UK websites.
- When an inhaler is administered by a member of staff a letter will be sent home to parents/careers informing them of the action.