

The Asthma Policy

Aims:

South View School aims to ensure that pupils with asthma can and do participate fully in all aspects of school life. It is always recognized that pupils with asthma need immediate access to reliever inhalers while ensuring that all staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack. A record is kept of all pupils with asthma and the medications they take.

Asthma medicines:

- Immediate access to reliever medicine is essential. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to carry their reliever inhalers if their parents, attending Doctor agree that they are competent enough. The reliever medications of younger children are kept in the School Clinic.
- Parents are advised to ensure that reliever medication is in date and labelled with their child's name and class.

Exercise and Activity – Physical Education and Games:

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils.

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all Physical Education lessons. Teachers will remind pupils, whose asthma is triggered by exercise, to take their reliever inhalers before the lesson and if a pupil needs to use their inhaler during a lesson he / she should be encouraged to do so.

Class Teachers follow the same principles as above for games and activities involving physical activities.

Responsibilities of school staff:

All school staff has a responsibility to:

- Understand the school asthma policy.
- Know which pupils they come into contacts that have asthma.
- Allow pupils with asthma to have immediate access to their reliever inhaler.
- Ensure that pupils have their asthma medication when going on a school trip.

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The Medical Team has a responsibility to:

- Help plan/update the School Asthma Policy.
- Ensure that all pupils with asthma have an Individual Health Care Plan and that this information is communicated to all staff coming in to contact with the child with asthma.

Pupils have a responsibility to:

- Treat all pupils equally.
- Ensure that a member of staff is called if any pupil is having an asthma attack.
- Know how to gain access to their own medicine in an emergency and know how to take their medicine effectively.

Parents have a responsibility to:

- Inform the school if their child has asthma.
- Ensure that they complete the Medical Information Form and submit relevant medical information regarding their child's asthma needs.
- Inform and supply the school with medicines that the child requires while in school or out on school trips, and to ensure that these medicines are in date and labelled with the child's name and class.
- Inform the school of any changes to their child's medication or asthma.

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