

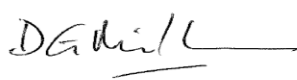


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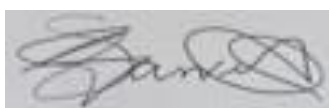
Little Hedgehogs Pre-School

Asthma Policy

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This policy was approved by the Board of Trustees on	05/02/2025
Next review date	February 2028

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Chair of Trustees

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Headteacher

INTRODUCTION

Sheldwich Primary School recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many children. The school positively welcomes all children with asthma. Sheldwich Primary School encourages pupils with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy and guidance that is understood by all school staff and pupils. All the first aiders in school are trained on how to deal with asthma attacks and have experience in looking after children with asthma.

ASTHMA MEDICINES

- Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Asthma inhalers should always be readily available to children, and not locked away. All inhalers are kept in the school office in a generic, easily identifiable clear zipped wallet
- Children are made aware that their medicine is kept in the office and staff are made of aware of where it is kept so that it can be accessed easily at all times
- On school trips, asthma medicine is given to the staff member in charge to administer if required
- All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent/carer
- Pupils with asthma are expected to self-administer their inhalers under the supervision of an adult, although children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be assisted in administering their inhalers
- The child's name must be on the Medical Register kept in school and a copy given to every staff member
- It is the responsibility of parents/carers to check the expiry date of asthma medicines

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ASTHMA ATTACK

- Encourage the child to sit up and slightly forward
- Help the child to take two separate puffs of his/her inhaler
- If there's no immediate improvement, continue to give two puffs every two minutes up to a maximum of 10 puffs, or until symptoms improve
- Stay calm and reassure the child
- Call an ambulance if the child doesn't feel better or you're worried at any time before reaching 10 puffs

WHEN YOU SHOULD CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY

You should call an ambulance immediately if the child:

- Appears exhausted
- Has a blue/white tinge around his/her lips
- Is going blue
- Has collapsed

RECORD KEEPING

- At the beginning of each school year or when a child joins the school, parents/carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions including asthma on their data collection form
- The child's name and details of their condition will be added to the school's Medical Register
- A record of when a child's asthma medicine is used will be recorded in the Record of Medicine Administered file
- Details of any asthma medicine administered and the dose given will be recorded on an Asthma Medicine Administered form which is sent home to parents with the child

EXERCISE and ACTIVITY – P.E. and GAMES

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. All staff are aware of the children in their class who suffer from asthma. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all P.E. lessons. If a pupil needs to use their inhaler during a lesson they will be encouraged to do so.

AFTER SCHOOL and EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in after-school activities. If a pupil needs to use their inhaler during a club they will be encouraged to do so. This includes attendance at Extended School clubs.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

The school does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to pupils with asthma. The school has a definitive no-smoking policy and dogs are not allowed in the school or in its grounds. As far as possible, the school does not use chemicals in science and art lessons that may be potential triggers for pupils with asthma.