

DURDAN'S PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASTHMA POLICY



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Durdan's Park Primary School School Asthma Policy

At Durdan's Park Primary School we recognise that Asthma is a serious but controllable condition. We welcome all children with asthma in our school and they are encouraged to take part in all activities.

Aims

- All teaching and support staff are asthma aware and receive training by the school nurse.
- All children with asthma have immediate access to their emergency relief inhaler.
- All children understand asthma so that they can support their friends.
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and are regularly updated.
- There is good communication between home and school.

At School

- When a child joins the school parents/carers will be asked if their child has asthma when they complete the school medical form.
- Parents/carers of children with asthma will be given a school asthma card to complete. From this information we will compile a school asthma register.
- The parent/carer will need to sign and return the permission to administer medication slip.
- Parents/carers will update their records with the school office if there are any changes in their child's asthma or medication.
- We will do everything we can to make sure that our school is favourable to pupils with asthma and reduce the presence of triggers where possible.

Inhalers

- Immediate access to emergency relief inhalers is essential.
- All inhalers are held in the Welfare room.
- The Welfare Assistant will manage the inhaler store.
- Masks will not be accepted in school.
- Herbal medicines and syrups will not be accepted in school.
- Preventer inhalers (brown, orange, purple or green) are not accepted in school.
- Asthma inhalers will accompany the class at all times on school trips.
- School staff are not required to administer medication, however many are happy to do so if necessary. The child will be encouraged to take their inhaler themselves whenever possible.
- Children will never be denied access to their inhaler.
- Children will NEVER be given another child's inhaler.
- We will inform the parent/carer if their child is using their inhaler device more than usual.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child's asthma inhaler is in date, although the Welfare Assistant will endeavour to check this regularly.

- The school holds spare Asthma pumps in case of emergency. These are only allowed to be administered to pupils who parents have given permission. Permission letters will be kept with the asthma pumps.

Exercise and Activity

- We encourage all pupils to take part in sport and other activities.
- PE teachers and supply staff will be aware of children with asthma in their group.
- Pupils with exercise triggered asthma will be reminded to take their inhaler 10 minutes prior to exercise.
- We make sure all pupils warm up and down thoroughly.
- Pupils will be allowed to take their inhaler if needed and to rejoin the lesson when they have recovered.

When A Pupil Falls Behind

- The class teacher will initially speak to the parent and suggest an asthma review appointment at the GP surgery.
- The school teacher may also request the advice and support of the School Health Nurse or Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO).

Asthma Friendly School

- Our school is 'asthma friendly' and makes use of every opportunity to raise awareness of asthma in our community.

Asthma Attack

- The asthma UK asthma attack procedure will be visible displayed in the staffroom and in every classroom.

Footnote:

Ealing Council Liability insurance indemnifies all staff to assist with the administration of asthma medication where required.