



Acre Heads Primary School

Asthma



Signed Staff:

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Introduction

- Acre Heads Primary School recognises that asthma and recurrent wheezing are important conditions affecting increasing numbers of school age children.
- This school welcomes pupils with asthma.

Medication

- Only reliever inhalers should be kept in school. Usually these are blue in colour. In this policy we refer to them as 'medicine.'
- Children will be allowed rapid access to their inhalers when they need them.
- Inhalers will be taken on trips and outdoor activities. Parents are responsible for ensuring an adequate supply of medication is provided.
- The school will hold two spare inhalers – one for the medical room for emergencies and one for trips for emergencies.

Children

- Asthma sufferers who are children in Foundation Stage, Y1 or Y2 will have their medicine kept in the Medical Room. They will be supervised whilst they take their medicine. Mrs Kelsey will make a note of when they take their medicine on their record and a slip will be sent home to inform their parents of when they have taken their medicine.
- Asthma sufferers who are children in KS2 (Years 3 – 6) will be provided with a bumbag to wear. In it will be their inhaler and their asthma charter. These children will be expected to take their medicine whenever they need it but they are then expected to inform Mrs Kelsey so that she can make a note on their record. She will provide them with a slip to take home to inform their parents of when they have taken their medicine. The child will be expected to remove the bumbag and leave it in the classroom at 3:30 or when they have leave for home if they are in a club.

Record Keeping

- When a child with asthma joins this school, parents / carers will be asked to complete a form giving careful details of the condition and treatment required.
- Information from this form will be used to compile an Asthma Register which is available for all school staff. The register will be updated at least annually and more often to reflect any changes.
- All children will be issued with an Asthma Charter which they will keep in their Bumbags at KS2 and with their inhaler at FS / KS1.
- The Asthma Charter is a signed reminder for all parties of their responsibilities with regards to symptom management. It is not a legally binding document.

Trips

- All children will have access to their inhaler on trips.
- KS1 children's medicine will be carried by the supervising adult and KS2 children will have theirs in their own bumbag.
- KS2 Bumbags will be removed and looked after by a supervising adult if the wearing of it would be prohibitive to any physical activity.

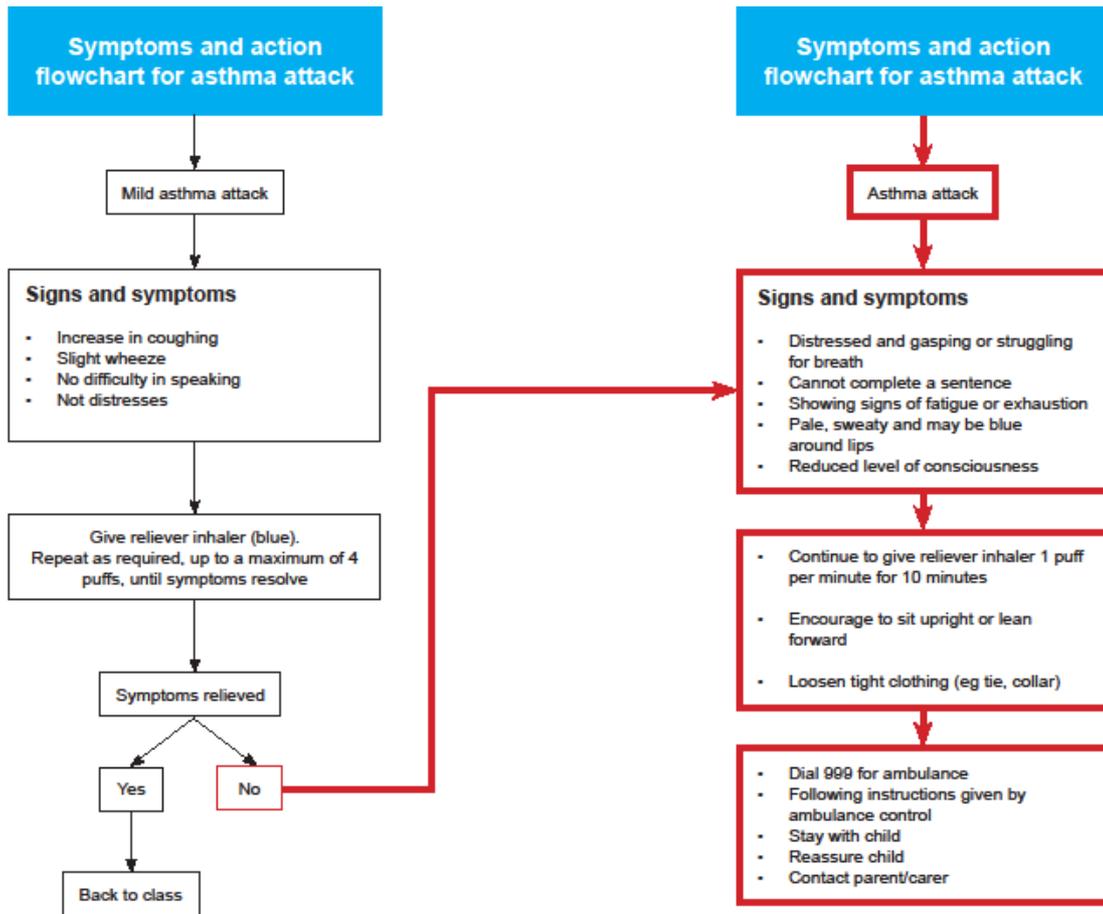
Training

- Staff will be appropriately trained and briefed as and when necessary at the Headteacher's discretion. This may be in the form of in-school briefings, visits from Health professionals or externally provided courses.
- Children will be educated through assemblies or PSHCE within lessons.
- If Mrs Kelsey is not available, all admin 'front of house' staff will be trained to deal with the children's asthma procedures.
- Staff will all receive information on signs and symptoms of asthma and how to treat it.

Emergencies / concerns

- In an emergency, where a child, who is a known asthmatic, is experiencing significant symptoms and has not got their own blue inhaler with them or it is found to be missing or empty, it is acceptable to use the school's emergency inhaler and spacer.
- The emergency inhaler will be kept in the medical room. If this happens, it will be written in the child's record and the parents / carers will be informed.
- If a member of staff has concerns about the progress of a child with asthma, which they feel may be related to poor symptom control, they will discuss this with the parent / carer.

- In the unlikely event of another child using someone else's blue inhaler, there is little chance of harm. The drug in reliever inhalers is very safe and overdose is very unlikely.
- The flowchart below will help First Aiders to make decisions about treatment, should a child be experiencing an asthma attack.



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Appendices:

1. Asthma Charter
2. Asthma Information Form