



Newall Green Primary School

Aiming High To Reach Our Goals

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Asthma Policy

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Safeguarding Statement

At Newall Green Primary School, we respect and value all children and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our pupils so they can learn in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe every pupil should be able to participate in all school activities in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by or invited to deliver services at Newall Green Primary School. We recognise our responsibility to safeguard all who access school and promote the welfare of all our pupils by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Aims

Newall Green Primary School will ensure medical advice on the best procedures to support asthmatic pupils in school is sought, enabling them to take part as fully and safely as possible in all our activities. Therefore, our school will do the following:

1. Ensure specific medical needs that parents/guardians have advised are securely recorded and stored electronically and made available to alert class teachers
2. Ensure pupils with inhalers know where to access them immediately, including inhalers being taken out of school for off-site activities
3. Ensure parents/carers are informed of the arrangements by letter and provide the school with any changes to information for records to be updated. The school will review any held information at the beginning of each academic year

Obtaining and Recording Accurate Information

All new parents will be asked whether their child has any medical conditions/complaints as part of the school's admission procedures. This will be recorded on the pupil's file. If appropriate, special/additional needs records will be kept and updated on Provision Map, as stated above. The record will show the following:

- Personal details
- Regular treatment needed
- Relief treatment, if required
- Any care plan or specialist intervention, if in place
- Hospital reference (if applicable)

Access to Medicines and Inhalers

Pupils will always be given access to asthma medicines/inhalers that are necessary and prescribed by a doctor. Inhalers will be stored in the classroom under the supervision of the class teacher/ safely in medical boxes. All inhalers and capsules will be labelled with the pupil's name and class. There are two main types of inhalers:

- **Relievers:** These are usually BLUE and relieve asthma symptoms – common examples are 'Ventolin' and Bricanyl'

- **Preventers:** These are usually BROWN, relieve inflammation, and are designed to prevent the onset of asthma – common preventers are ‘Beclafort’, ‘Becatide’ and ‘Intal’

N.B. Staff generally do not administer medicines to pupils; however, pupils will be allowed to self-administer asthma medication if their parents provide written authority to do so. (See Administration of Medication Policy.)

Sports & Exercise

Staff are made aware of those pupils with asthma who may need to use their inhaler before taking part. Should breathlessness occur during an activity, the pupil is withdrawn from the activity for that lesson and monitored by a member of staff qualified in first aid.

Animals

Some animals can cause a sudden and severe asthmatic reaction; therefore, pupils who could react in this way should not approach, handle or care for the animals, including any incubator that is used to hatch chicks.

Parents/ carers are advised that dogs are prohibited from all areas of the school site.

Returning from Absence Due to Illness

When a pupil returns to school following an absence due to asthma, parents/carers are advised to ensure their child is well enough to cope with the full school day as our school does not encourage pupils to miss lessons or stay indoors during break and lunchtimes. In certain circumstances, usually on the advice of a suitably qualified health professional, a phased return may be mutually agreed upon between the school and parents.

Long-term / Acute Medical Problems

When a pupil is known to be suffering from an asthmatic condition that might require emergency treatment at any time, this is recorded on their record. All staff are informed of the condition, the treatment, and any other relevant information. It is the role of SENCO to ensure that all staff are kept up-to-date with such information. Administration staff will ensure supply teachers also receive this information. All emergency use of inhalers will be recorded on the school’s Medication Administration Record Sheet.

Cleaning Regimes

Respiratory problems can be exacerbated by excessive dust, including ‘walked-in’ dirt, and should be removed by the school’s daily vacuuming regime. Warm air central heating system filters will be checked and cleaned regularly. Such filters will always be cleaned before the heating is switched on in the autumn term. “Deep clean” regimes of all rooms in the school will be implemented throughout the academic year when the site is closed to pupils. The school’s site manager is aware of / and will ensure such regimes are adhered to.

Arrangements for monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every year as determined by the Governing Body.

Other policy links

Administration of Medicines Policy

Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy

Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school Policy