



Asthma Policy

Statement of Intent

Asthma is an important condition affecting 10-15% of children. We positively welcome all children with asthma. This policy has been written with advice from the Department for Education and Science, the National Asthma Campaign and the local education authority.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Developing
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.1 Respecting each other 2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Keyperson	3.2 Supporting every child	

Aim

- Here at Playhouse Pre-School we welcome all children with asthma
- We recognise that asthma is an important condition affecting many children.
- We encourage and help children with asthma to participate in all activities.
- We will ensure that children known to have asthma have immediate access to their prescribed reliever inhalers.
- We will ensure that if a child with asthma is attending the Pre-School we will inform all present that asthma is a serious condition and what to do in an emergency.
- Guidance will be provided for staff on what to do if a child has an asthma attack.
- We will work with parents/carers of children with asthma to ensure that their child is in a safe and caring environment.

In order to fulfill these aims, parents/carers need to:

- Complete the medication book
- Provide a prescribed asthma inhaler
- Provide written information in the form of a personal care plan:
 - What asthma medicine the child takes and when
 - What triggers an asthma attack and what to do in this situation
 - Emergency contact details including any medical authorities involved
- Ensure any spare medicines stored by the Pre-school are labeled, pictured, in a plastic container and have not passed their expiry date.

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In return the Pre-School staff should make sure the following is carried out:

- Staff should be given regular training and updates on a child's condition.
- Agree on a member of staff to normally administer the medication but have all staff trained and aware in case of absence or an emergency.
- Ensure that staff knows where inhalers are stored and how to access them speedily.
- Ensure that a record is kept on a child who has asthma including each time a child takes their medicine.
- Make sure that the person collecting the child is informed if the child has had to take any medication.
- Make sure that inhalers are always taken on group outings.
- Be aware of trigger factors for each child with asthma and ensure that the group environment is as safe as possible.

This policy was agreed by the staff of Playhouse Pre-School Broadwater.

Adapted on 23rd April 2015 and will be reviewed annually.

Reviewed on 7th July 2023 by Z. Munford