



BEMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Asthma Policy

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Created By:	Bempton Primary School
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POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is based on guidance from Asthma UK and local healthcare and education professionals. It is based on the following documents: *Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions* (DfE December 2015) and *Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in schools* (DoH March 2015).

Bempton School recognises that asthma and recurrent wheezing are important conditions affecting increasing numbers of school age children.

Bempton School encourages all pupils to achieve their full potential in all aspects of life by having a clear policy and procedures that are understood by school staff, parents/carers and pupils. Developing and implementing this asthma policy is important to our school.

TRAINING

All staff receive regular training on signs and symptoms of asthma and how to treat it from the school nursing team / specialist nurses.

INDEMNITY

School staff are not required to administer asthma medication to pupils except in an emergency. However, many staff are happy to give routine medication on the advice of an appropriate healthcare professional.

All Bempton School staff will allow pupils **immediate** access to their own asthma medication when they need it.

RECORD KEEPING

When a child with asthma joins Bempton School, parents / carers will be asked to complete an asthma care plan, giving details of the condition and the treatment required. Information from this form will be used to compile an "Asthma Register" which is available for all school staff. This register will be updated at least annually or more frequently if required using the information supplied by the parent.

SCHOOL TRIPS / RESIDENTIAL VISITS

No child will be denied the opportunity to take part in school trips / residential visits / sporting activities because of asthma, unless so advised by their GP or consultant.

For residential visits, staff will be advised in the use of regular controller treatments, as well as emergency management. It is the responsibility of the parent / carer to provide written information about all asthma medication required by their child for the duration of a residential visit. Parents must be responsible for ensuring an adequate supply of medication with the pharmacist instructions is provided. Group leaders will have appropriate contact numbers with them.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All Bempton School staff will treat medical information confidentially. Bempton School will agree with the parents / carers who else should have access to medical information.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Asthma Care Plan

Asthma Register

Parental Consent for a child to carry his/her own Asthma Inhalers (KS2)