

ASTHMA POLICY

One in ten children have Asthma. We hope that children with asthma can take an active part in all of our pre-school's activities.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child – 1.2 Inclusive practice, 1.4 Health and well-being

Positive Relationships – 2.2 Parents as parents, 2.4 Key person

Enabling Environments – 3.2 Supporting every child

When a child with Asthma joins our pre-school:

Staff will

- Discuss with parents/carers the child's asthma and ask the parent to complete a Health Care Plan. This will include details of their child's asthma, how it affects them and how it is managed, along with emergency action and contacts. This information will be placed in the child's file and used by the setting when necessary.
- We will encourage all children to join in with all of our activities.
- We will ensure our environment is as safe as possible for asthmatic children.
- We will ensure that all staff know what to do if a child has an asthma attack.
- We will ensure that the child's inhaler is readily available; to be used as agreed (parents to supply a spare to be used in an emergency).
- We will inform parents if their child has experienced symptoms of asthma and have had to use their inhaler. This will be with the use of a medical consent form.
- We will ensure that when we take children on outings we will take their inhalers with them.

We need parents/carers to

- Inform us if their child is unwell and more likely to need their inhaler
- Pass the inhaler, in a named bag, to the Team Leader or key person at the beginning of the session.
- Inform us of any changes to the child's asthma, for example new triggers or symptoms.
- Inform us of any changes to the medication the child takes (to be written into Health Care Plan).
- Inform us of Emergency Contact details (**please ensure we know of any changes to phone numbers etc**).
- Ensure we have a spare inhaler, clearly labelled with the child's name, to use in an emergency

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