

Asthma

We recognise the potential threats that come with being diagnosed with Asthma or breathing-related difficulties. In consultation with the parents/carer a care plan will be devised to ensure that the child with this condition can receive the best possible care when in the childcare environment.

Children will be encouraged, when and where possible to take part in all activities, subject to parental permissions. Access to inhalers will be made freely available, with the child's name clearly printed on them.

Children over 5 years are encouraged to take control and understanding of their reliever inhalers in conjunction with parental consent. Parents are requested to provide the setting with a secondary inhaler in case the child/parents forget to bring on in on any given day. The environment in which the children play and learn is favourable to children with breathing difficulties. It is essential that the children in my care are also understand that their condition is severe but can be managed effectively. Children are taught to take their asthmatic condition seriously.

Parents are requested to inform practitioners at induction and to record of their personal information forms whether or not the child will need to take their inhaler at certain times of the day. Parents will always been informed when their child has experienced difficulties with their asthma or breathing.

Parents are required at induction or when a child is diagnosed with the condition to detail information pertaining to a child's medication routine, i.e. when a child takes their medication, the types of triggers that a child's experiences, what to do in the event of an asthmatic episode. Parent's emergency details are also stored. Please bear in mind that it is illegal to store and provide medication that has passed its expiry date.

Please provide the setting with an Inhaler or an EpiPen so that your child always has a spare when in our setting.

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