

BEREWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Asthma Policy

Spring 2024

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Responsible Person	Headteacher
Responsible Committee	Full governing body
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A distinctive vision

At Berewood Primary School we see education as a journey of discovery to fire the imagination, to establish a sense of self, and to gain the confidence to take full part in the wider world.

An ethos of local partnership

Berewood Primary School and the University of Chichester Academy Trust share the belief that education has the power to transform society. Our school is deeply rooted in its locality and encourages the involvement and interest of parents and the community, recognising that strong and vibrant communities have partnership and inclusion at their heart.

ASTHMA POLICY

The school:-

- ❖ Recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition and the school welcomes all pupils with asthma
- ❖ Ensures that pupils with asthma can and do participate fully in all aspects of school life, including art lessons, PE, science, visits, outings or field trips and other out of hours school activities
- ❖ Recognises that pupils with asthma need immediate access to reliever inhalers at all times
 - ❖ Keeps a record of all pupils with asthma and the medicines they take
- ❖ Ensures that the whole school environment, including the physical, social, sporting and educational environment, is favourable to pupils with asthma
- ❖ Ensures that all staff (including supply teachers and support staff) who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in an asthma attack
- ❖ Will work in partnership with parents, the school nurse and all school staff to meet the medical and physical needs of identified pupils.

Asthma medicines

The school follows the advice and guidance found in "Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions" DfE 2015 updated 2017.

Information relating to asthma is gathered when a child starts school. A form is sent home asking for detail about the nature of the child's symptoms and appropriate medication and administration. Individual Health Care Plans are drawn up for children who keep asthma medication on site, and this is signed by both parents and school. The school nurse is available for any concerns.

Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. The reliever inhalers of all children are kept in the child's classroom and are available at all times of the school day.

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that the school is provided with a labelled reliever inhaler. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent/carer and can not be used by any other child.

School staff support the administration of asthma medicines to pupils following procedures agreed with parents. Inhalers are usually taken in the classroom with members of the class staff, although most members of staff have annual training in the administration of asthma medication. Children who take their inhalers during the school day are recorded on their individual record, date, time, dosage, any reaction, signature of supervising member of staff. The school has a register of all pupils with asthma.

School staff who agree to administer medicines are insured by the local authority when acting in agreement with this policy. All school staff will let pupils take their own medicines when they need to and if permission has been granted by parents.

Exercise and activity PE and games

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. All teachers know which children in their class have asthma and teachers at the school are aware of which pupils have asthma from the school's asthma and medical needs register.

Parents are asked to make arrangements for their child's inhaler to be made readily available when they go swimming.

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE lessons.

Off site visits

A member of staff is responsible for taking asthma inhalers on a school trip. Any details of asthma medication are taken and added to the school records on return.

Asthma Attacks

All staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack, and staff have regular training.

In a severe attack an ambulance is called before the parent is informed. Other concerns are referred to parents.

Emergency Use Inhaler

The school holds an Emergency Use inhaler available to pupils whose parents have signed the necessary consent form and whose own inhaler is not available for use. Additional information is recorded in the Supporting Children with Medical Needs Policy, and in a file of information kept with the inhaler.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy was reviewed by all staff and Governors in Spring 2024 and is reviewed as part of the three year review cycle