



## Platt C.E Primary School **Asthma Policy**

Platt CE Primary School recognises that Asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many children at school. We encourage pupils with Asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff and pupils. Supply teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy.

When a child with Asthma joins the school or is diagnosed with Asthma, parents/carers will be asked to complete an **Asthma Care Plan**. A copy of the plan will be sent home to parents/carers, one copy will be kept with the Asthma pump and another will be kept in the class teacher's medical file. Every September parents/carers will be asked to complete a new updated care plan in order to ensure that all information is up to date. It is a parents/carers responsibility to ensure that plans are completed and returned to relevant school staff together with their child's reliever inhaler.

Reliever inhalers **MUST** be provided by the parent/carer with a dispensing label which clearly states the child's name. It is a parents/carers responsibility to ensure that their child's reliever inhaler is within date and has sufficient dosage.

Immediate access to reliever medication is essential therefore all Asthma pumps will be stored in the medical room or in the child's classroom, whichever is most accessible to the child throughout the school.

Children with Asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE lessons. A child's reliever inhaler will be taken with them to the location where the physical activity will take place, whether this is on or off site. We do encourage children to take an independent approach to the use of their reliever inhaler however an adult will encourage use if they feel that the child needs to take their reliever inhaler.

### **In an emergency situation**

(Unexpected asthma attack), school staff are required to act as any reasonable prudent person would.

- keep calm – do not panic
- make sure that specific directions on the reliever inhaler are followed
- loosen clothing
- reassure the pupil
- keep the pupil in an upright position

If once the directions on the dispensing label have been followed and:

- symptoms do not improve in 5-10 minutes
- the child is too breathless to talk
- the child's lips turn blue
- or if you are in doubt

### **CALL 999**

The school does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to children with Asthma. There is a definitive no smoking policy and the use of any chemicals or aerosols is limited. If at any time a particular fume is causing a child with asthma discomfort, then they will be allowed to leave the room until the air clears. If a child is missing a lot of time at school or is always tired because their Asthma is disturbing their sleep at night, the class teacher will initially talk to the parents/carers to work out how to prevent their child from falling behind.

Please note that this policy relates to reliever inhalers. Parents/carers with children requiring the administration of preventer inhalers in school will need to complete a **Parental agreement for school to administer medicine**.