# **GROVE SPECIAL SCHOOL ASTHMA POLICY**

SEVERAL OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ASTHMATIC, THEY MUST HAVE ACCESS TO RELIEVER INHALERS (SALBUTAMOL OR BRYCANYL) AT ALL TIMES. THESE WORK BY DILATING AND RELAXING THE AIRWAYS TO ENABLE THE PERSON TO BREATHE MORE EASILY.

## THE STUDENT MAY BE MORE LIKELY TO NEED RELIEVER MEDICATION IF

- 1. THEY ARE TAKING PART IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
- 2. THEY ARE EXPERIENCING WHEEZE.
- 3. THEY HAVE A COLD.
- 4. THE POLLEN COUNT IS HIGH.
- 5. IT IS DAMP WEATHER

EACH STUDENT'S MEDICATION IS PRESCRIBED IN THE AS REQUIRED SECTION OF THEIR MEDICINE KARDEX.

#### INHALER PROCEDURE

## WHEN AT THE GROVE SCHOOL

IF THE CHILD IS IN SCHOOL THE INHALERS ARE KEPT IN THE MEDICINE CUPBOARD IN THE MEDICAL ROOM.

IF THE STUDENT REQUIRES THEIR INHALER IT MUST BE ADMINISTERED AND SIGNED FOR AS DOCUMENTED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY.

### WHEN ON SCHOOL TRIPS, OUTSIDE ACTIVIES OR INTEGRATION.

A MEMBER OF STAFF IS ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD WHEN OUT OF SCHOOL, THAT STAFF MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INHALER TOO. WHEN A STUDENT LEAVES THE SCHOOL BUILDING FOR ABOVE ACTIVITIES THE MEMBER OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM MUST:

- 1. COLLECT THE INHALER FROM THE CUPBOARD AND SIGN IT OUT ON THE SHEET.
- 2. KEEP THE INHALER SAFE AND WITHIN EASY ACCESS TO BE ADMINISTERED TO THE CHILD IF REQUIRED.
- 3. ADMINISTER THE INHALER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIPTION.
- 4. WHEN THE CHILD RETURNS TO THE GROVE SCHOOL RETURN THE INHALER TO THE CUPBOARD AND SIGN IT IN.
- 5. IF THE INHALER HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED TO THE CHILD RECORD ON THE MEDICINE KARDEX.

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