

**School/College Statement on Care for Pupils/Students with Asthma**

This school takes responsibilities to pupils/students with asthma very seriously. The school has an established asthma policy based on the policy and guidelines determined by the Local Education Authority as advised by and agreed with the Health Community.

It is in the interests of your child that we work together to ensure your child's asthma is managed as well as is possible. With good management your child should rarely suffer asthma attacks and should be able to participate in full and active school life free from fear or worry. However, in order to be able to offer total support to every child with asthma we need full details of his/her treatment plan and to be advised of any changes.

In the event of your child requiring asthma medication, this will normally be the medicine prescribed by their doctor. However, there may be occasions when your child's usual medication is unavailable. Given the possibility that there could be a life-threatening delay under some circumstances, the school would wish to do all it could to assist your child.

In this situation the school will administer an inhaler supplied by parents as a spare. This action has the support of the Local Education Authority and the Medical Authorities, and the school offers this facility to all children diagnosed as having asthma and on the school asthma register. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the school asthma policy please contact the school and make arrangements to come in and discuss your concerns.