



**Tredington Primary School
Asthma Inhaler Management Policy**

We aim to develop in our children a passion for learning; strong moral, social and cultural values; a hard working 'Can do' attitude; the ability to communicate with others clearly and a desire to explore and understand the world around them.

Our school mission statement is:

Friends learning together.

Explore, create and share.

Date of Policy: November 2018

Date of Policy Review: November 2019

Date of Approval: December 2019

Policy agreed by Tredington Primary School governing body in December 2019

Date for Next Review: October 2020

This Policy will be reviewed at least annually

Whilst all staff have a duty to take reasonable care for the health and safety of children and young people in School, there is no legal or contractual duty on school staff to administer medicine or supervise a pupil taking it. Where staff do agree to participate in these duties it is important to recognise that their participation is of a voluntary nature. All staff have the right to refuse to administer/supervise administration of medicines. Where a member of staff does feel the need to refuse to administer/supervise administration of medicine, the Headteacher should be informed and they will then decide if they are prepared to administer/supervise administration of the medication.

Staff who do volunteer to administer emergency asthma medication should not agree to do so without first receiving appropriate information and training.

1. It is each parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure that their child is fit to attend school and any asthma medication required whilst the child is at school should be supplied by the parent and self-administered by the child.
2. Each child with an asthma inhaler should have an individual care plan – parents will be asked to provide this from their GP or asthma clinic.
3. The school emergency asthma inhaler should only be used with children who have been prescribed their own inhaler but when this is not available for use.
4. Children who have not been prescribed their own inhaler must not be allowed to use the school emergency asthma inhaler.
5. Parents/carers must provide written consent for the school emergency inhaler to be used during an asthma attack, when the child's own inhaler is not available.
6. Staff administering asthma medication should do so in accordance with instructions provided.
7. A record of all school emergency asthma medication administered to a child must be completed and maintained. Parents should also be informed.
8. If there is any doubt about administering of medication parent/carers should be contacted.
9. If a child refuses to take their inhaler, staff should not force them to do so. Staff should contact parent/carer and call the emergency services if required.
10. The school emergency asthma inhaler must be cleaned after each use if no spacer is used.
11. Spacers should be used when required. These must be cleaned after each use.
12. The emergency services should be called if the asthma attack becomes worse and the inhaler is not having any effect.