

Asthma Management Policy



Rationale:

- Asthma affects up to one in four primary aged children. It is important therefore for all staff members to be aware of asthma, its symptoms and triggers, and the management of asthma in a school environment. With appropriate management the impact of asthma can be minimised.

Aims:

- To manage asthma and asthma sufferers as effectively and efficiently as possible at school

Beliefs:

- With appropriate management the impact of asthma can be minimised
- Children should be taught to be responsible for their own asthma management
- The school has a responsibility to minimise, where appropriate, the triggers in the school environment and practises which can increase the effects of asthma.
- All staff have a responsibility to ensure that they are capable of taking appropriate steps necessary to treat an asthma attack or the effects of asthma.

Implementation:

- Staff will ensure that they are aware of the symptoms and treatment of asthma.
- Professional development will be provided annually for all staff on the nature, prevention and treatment of asthma attacks. Such information will also be displayed on the staffroom wall and sick bay.
- All students with asthma must have an up to date (annual) written asthma management plan consistent with Asthma Victoria's requirements. This plan will be completed by the doctor or paediatrician if it differs from the Victorian Schools Asthma treatment procedures outlined on the management plan.
- All children attending school camps / overnight stays will complete a separate updated plan.

- Asthma plans will be attached to the class roll and in a file in the sickbay for reference.
- Parents / guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an adequate supply of appropriate asthma medication with them at school at all times.
- Personal inhalers may be carried by children at all times if required.