



Roseberry
Primary School

Asthma Policy

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1. Aims

Roseberry Primary School recognises that asthma is a common, serious but controllable condition. The school ensures that all pupils with asthma:

- Are safe, supported and able to access a full education
- Have immediate access to medication
- Are able to participate fully in school life

This policy supports pupils to remain healthy, safe and able to achieve their potential.

2. Asthma Medicines and Storage

- Immediate access to reliever inhalers is essential. Pupils must be able to access their inhaler without delay at all times.
- Inhalers will be stored in a clearly identified, accessible location within classrooms (or carried by pupils where appropriate and agreed).
- All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name and be in date.
- Parents are responsible for providing and replacing inhalers.

Storage and Medical Equipment

- All medicines and asthma-related equipment (e.g. spacers) will be stored in accordance with manufacturer instructions and health and safety requirements.
- Non-emergency medicines will be stored in a secure but accessible location, with access limited to authorised staff.
- Emergency inhalers must never be locked away and must be readily available.
- Equipment will be stored hygienically to prevent contamination or damage.
- The school will maintain a system for checking expiry dates and condition of medicines at least termly.
- A clear audit trail will be maintained for storage, checking and replacement of medication.

3. Administration of Medicines

- Staff are not required to administer inhalers but may do so if trained and willing.
- Pupils will be encouraged to self-administer where competent.
- In emergencies, staff will act in line with duty of care and may administer medication.
- The school maintains emergency asthma inhaler kits located in school offices.

4. Record Keeping

- The school maintains an up-to-date register of pupils with asthma.
- Parents complete medical and consent forms.
- Records of asthma incidents and use of emergency inhalers are kept.
- Parents are informed of any asthma attack or medication use.

5. PE, Physical Activity and Trips

- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully.
- Staff ensure inhalers are accessible during all physical activity.
- Pupils are reminded to use inhalers before exercise where required.
- Risk assessments are carried out for trips and visits.

6. The School Environment

- The school actively reduces asthma triggers where possible.



- A strict no-smoking policy is in place.
- Staff consider environmental triggers (e.g. animals, dust, chemicals).
- Pupils may leave lessons if needed to manage symptoms safely.

7. Responding to Need and Absence

- Staff monitor pupils whose asthma affects attendance or learning.
- Early discussions with parents take place where concerns arise.
- SENCO involvement is considered where appropriate.

8. Asthma Attacks and Emergency Procedures

- All staff are trained to recognise and respond to asthma attacks.
- Emergency procedures follow national guidance (see Appendix).
- Emergency inhalers are available and accessible.
- Parents are informed immediately after any incident.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Staff

All staff will:

- Be aware of pupils with asthma
- Know how to respond to an asthma attack
- Ensure pupils can access inhalers immediately
- Support pupils without restricting participation

Parents/Carers

Parents must:

- Inform the school of their child's condition
- Provide labelled, in-date inhalers and equipment
- Update the school on any changes

Pupils

Pupils are expected to:

- Take responsibility for their inhaler where appropriate
- Inform staff if they feel unwell
- Use medication correctly

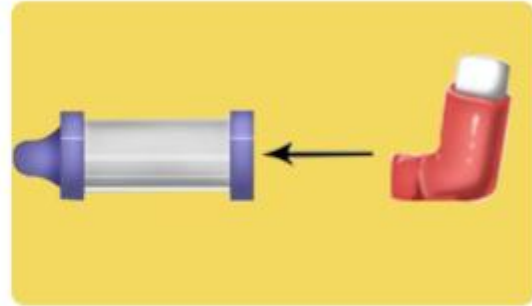
10. Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be reviewed every two years or sooner if required
- Storage, access and record-keeping systems will be regularly audited
- Any concerns identified will be addressed immediately





1. Shake the MDI or SMI



2. Insert the mouthpiece of MDI into the rubber-sealed end of spacer.



3. Place the mask over your nose and mouth securely, press the MDI or SMI.



4. Breath at least 5-6 times through the mask to ensure that the med from the chamber is fully inhaled.

