

Kilkeel Primary School



Asthma Policy

2020

(Ratified by the Board of Governors:)

(Date of Review:)

This policy has been written with advice from the Department of Education, Asthma UK and local healthcare professionals. Kilkeel Primary School recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many pupils at our school. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life. All staff, who come into contact with pupils with asthma, are made aware of this policy.

Medicine and Control

School staff are under no obligation to administer medicines to pupils (except in an emergency), however some staff at this school have agreed to undertake appropriate training and to administer asthma medicines to pupils when necessary.

Relievers (usually blue)

Immediate access to reliever medicine is essential when symptoms start. Every child with asthma should have a reliever inhaler, clearly labelled with his/her name. These may be carried in school bags or kept by the class teacher so that they are readily available. They should always be available during physical education, sports activities, swimming and educational visits. Children who are able to use their reliever inhaler themselves should be allowed to carry it with them. Asthma UK recommends that the reliever should be used in combination with a spacer device. It is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure that all inhalers that are taken to school are still in date. A spare inhaler will be requested from parents and kept in the school office for emergencies.

Preventers (may be brown, red, orange or white)

These are usually taken outside of school hours, however on Residential Trips, staff will supervise the use of such inhalers and signed permission from the parent will be required.

Exercise and Activity

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all P.E. lessons, after-school activities and educational outings. Each pupil's inhaler will be kept at the site of the lesson or activity.

Record Keeping

Parents are asked to record any medical conditions on the annual Data Form sent home with each child in September. Parent must inform the school immediately if any diagnosis is made during the school year. This enables the school to keep an up-to-date register which is available to all staff. Parents will be requested to complete the necessary forms (available from the school office).