

Haringey Asthma Friendly Schools

Information for Parents and Carers

Asthma Friendly Schools has been launched in Haringey!

Having asthma has implications for a child's schooling and learning. Appropriate asthma care is necessary for the child's immediate safety, long-term well-being, and optimal academic performance. This school is participating in Asthma Friendly Schools in order to be better able to support our students and to help them to manage their asthma in school.

As part of Asthma Friendly Schools, this school will:

- Advocate inclusion of asthmatic students ensuring they are not excluded from activities they wish to take part in
- Be clear on our procedures for the administration, management and storage of asthma inhalers and have designated asthma leads to ensure these are followed
- Commit to audit our procedures yearly
- Welcome parents and students' views on how to improve and build our standards
- Keep parents/guardians informed if their child has had medication during the school day or been unwell
- Ensure students have the appropriate medicines with them during activity or exercise and are allowed to take it when needed.

Parents are required to ensure the school is aware of their child's needs. Parents' responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the school has a complete and up-to-date asthma plan for their child that has been signed by a health professional such as a GP, hospital doctor, asthma nurse or practice nurse
- Informing the school about the medicines their child requires during school hours
- Informing the school about medicines their child requires during outings, field trips, and out of school activities such as sports events
- Making sure that their child has their inhaler and spacer plus provide an additional inhaler and spacer to be left at school for their child. These must be labelled with their full name and date of birth and within their expiration dates.
- Ensuring that their child has regular reviews with their doctor or specialist healthcare professional
- To bring in to school new and in date medicines on the first day of the new academic year
- To fill in and sign any paperwork that the school requires such as consent forms for emergency salbutamol use