



## Tarvin Primary School

### Asthma Policy

This policy has been written with advice from the Department for Education & Skills, Asthma UK, the Local Education Authority, local healthcare professionals, the school health service, parents/carers, the governing body and pupils.

#### *Tarvin Primary School*

- recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many children
- encourages and helps children with asthma to participate fully in school life
- recognises the need for immediate access to inhalers
- does all it can to make sure that the school environment meets the requirements of a child with asthma
- ensures that all staff understand asthma and the importance of the right care
- understands what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack and will, if necessary, give emergency treatment and inform parents accordingly
- works in partnership, with children parents, staff, governors and the school health service to ensure the successful implementation of this asthma policy.

Tarvin Primary School recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many school children and positively welcomes all pupils with asthma.

All staff will receive asthma awareness training as part of the Emergency First Aid Qualification. The fully qualified first aiders will receive additional training for medical conditions including asthma.

When a child joins the school, parents will advise school and complete an asthma registration form. The child will then be recorded on the school asthma register. The child **MUST** attend school with an on site inhaler.

Each inhaler is kept in a clearly labelled bag in the classroom. Junior children will administer the inhalers themselves under supervision but infant children must be assisted. All pupils who require an inhaler **MUST** have access to their medication, no child should attend school without their medication. All medication administered by school is recorded in the school medication book.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all Inhalers held in school are in date.

Each class has a detailed information sheet of the child in their class with asthma and there is an asthma folder in the First Aid room with relevant information.

### **Emergency inhaler**

In case of an emergency, we hold an emergency inhaler which is located in the first Aid Room on the top shelf. We also have an emergency inhaler in the residential and sports kits.

In the event of an asthma attack, the parent will be contacted and the emergency services will be called.

### **Staff Training**

School First aiders Mrs Alison Sheen (First Aid Lead), Mrs Charlish, Mrs Ebbage , Miss Spenser, and Mrs Norris have received training with respect to asthma.

Signed:

(Head Teacher)

First Aid Lead - A. Sheen

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