

## WALTHAMSTOW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

# ASTHMA POLICY

WMS recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many children. The school positively welcomes all pupils with asthma and encourage them to achieve their potential in all areas of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by staff, parents and pupils (where appropriate).

All staff are trained on basic principles related to asthma management annually and senior staff will receive training and regular sessions with the local asthma nurse to discuss our procedures and care management.

Any child who is diagnosed as suffering from asthma must advise the school in writing and must take responsibility for updating this information where appropriate. Parents are also responsible for ensuring that the correct and sufficient medication is held by the school at all times with a minimum of two inhalers held and that these are replaced regularly by the parents.

A care plan will be created and parents will be invited into the school to discuss management of the condition and to agree the care plan.

Asthma medications will be kept centrally in the school office. Children who are in the upper school must have medication kept in the lower school additionally. Pupils with asthma will be encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent/carer, doctor or asthma nurse and class teacher agree that he/she is mature enough.

Asthma medications will be taken on any trips away from school.

All medication must be labelled with a child's name and date of birth.

In accordance with a child's care plan, staff will help assist a child in taking their medication following the agreed dosage and plan. This will always be witnessed and a written record kept in the office.

If the dosage or frequency changes the school must be informed in writing.

Staff will be aware of any children who suffer from asthma and will encourage them to use their inhaler at specified times such as before PE etc.

The school does all it can to ensure that the environment is favourable to pupils with asthma such as having a smoke-free policy.

The School holds an emergency asthma inhaler from 1.12.14 the human medicines (amendment no 2) regulations will allow schools to keep a salbutamol inhaler for use in emergencies.

(A signed policy is available upon request)

This policy was adopted on dated: **01.05.2017**

Signed (Principal):

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Signed (Senior member of school staff):

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Signed (Parent Representative):

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Date of signage: 1/5/18

Date to be Reviewed: **01.05.2019**