



Glen Hills Primary School Asthma Policy

Glen Hill School welcomes all children and will do everything it can to encourage Asthma sufferers to take a full and active part in School life.

Teaching Staff will work to integrate Asthma sufferers into School life recognising that they suffer from a debilitating condition that can affect around 10 % of the School population.

Parental Role

On entering their children into School parents are asked to fill in an emergency contact form on which is specifically asked whether the child suffers from Asthma. If this is the case then the information will be passed onto the School Nurse and further details recorded onto the child's individual Asthma record card. Parents are asked to keep the School up to date with their child's condition.

Inhalers

If it is necessary that the child has an inhaler it is the parents responsibility to ensure that an effective inhaler is available in school. With the younger children it may be necessary for the Teacher to keep the inhaler for safety. Older children would be expected to be responsible for their own inhalers. In all cases there should be easy access to the inhaler in the case of School trips, sports etc.

School Life

We would aim that Asthma sufferers join in all School life including playtime games and P.E. lessons. If however a child becomes breathless or wheezy during any School activity then the child will be allowed to rest until fully recovered.

Smoking

Apart from the obvious dangers inherent in smoking there are also the allied dangers of passive smoking, which are increased for Asthma sufferers. Glen Hills School has a No Smoking Policy for all staff while on the School premises.

Pets/Animals

Animals such as rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs can cause severe and sudden reaction in children with Asthma. These children would not be expected to handle or feed these animals if they are in School as part of the curriculum.

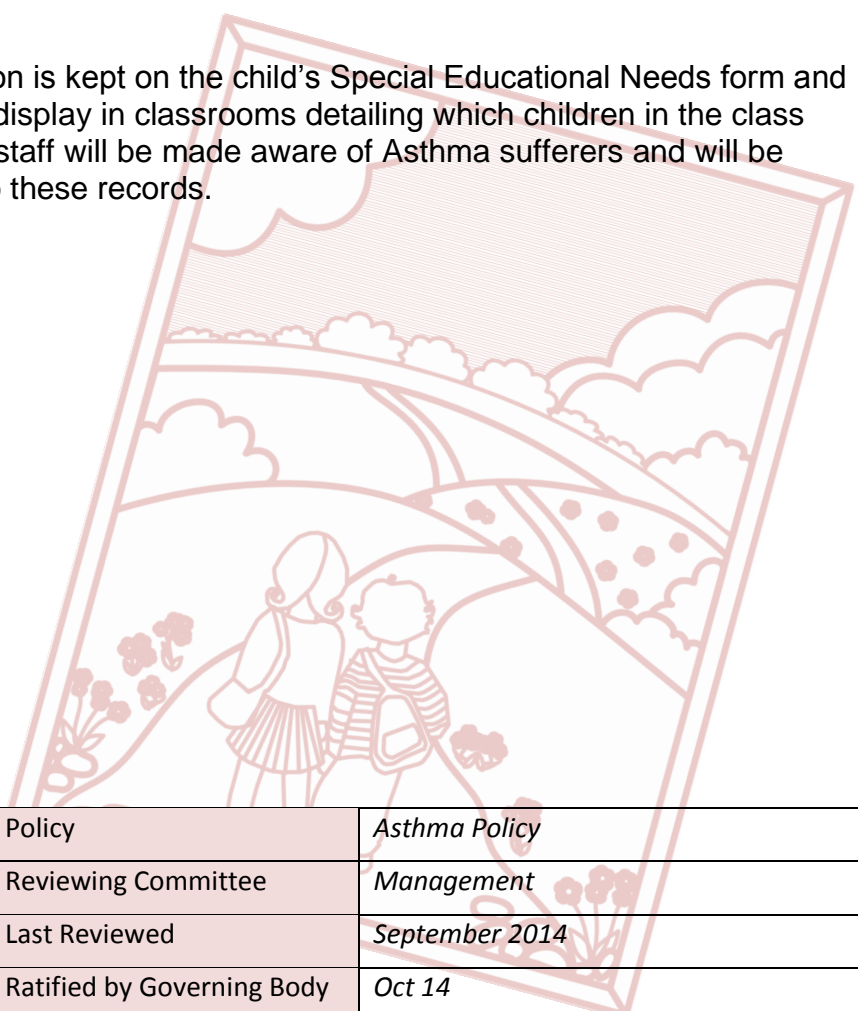
Asthma Attack

In event of an Asthma attack staff should follow these guidelines:

1. If a child becomes breathless and wheezy, stay calm.
2. Get the pupil to sit in a position they find comfortable – they do not have to lie down.
3. Allow the pupil to take their usual reliever/inhaler.
4. If there is no relief from the symptoms within 5 – 10 minutes repeat the dosage and contact the parents.
5. If parents are not available then contact the family doctor.
6. In severe cases i.e. if the inhaler has no effect at all, then contact the doctor and ask him to come to School at once or take the child to the nearest hospital casualty department and inform the parents.

Asthma Records

Asthma information is kept on the child's Special Educational Needs form and red forms are on display in classrooms detailing which children in the class have asthma. All staff will be made aware of Asthma sufferers and will be allowed access to these records.



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