



THE FOREST FEDERATION

ASTHMA POLICY

The Forest Federation are inclusive communities that aims to support and welcome pupils with asthma. We ensure that the whole school environment, which includes physical, social, sporting and educational activities, is inclusive and favourable to children with asthma. We ensure all staff understand their duty of care to children and young people in the event of an emergency. All staff feel confident in knowing what to do in an emergency.

All new school staff receive asthma awareness training.

The Forest Federation has clear guidance on the administration and storage of medicines at school.

We have clear guidance about record keeping.

Each member of the school know their roles and responsibilities in maintaining and implementing an effective medical condition policy.

The asthma policy is regularly reviewed evaluated and updated.

Policy Guidelines

The forest Federation is an inclusive community that aims to support and welcome children with asthma.

- Every Asthmatic child should have two but we are increasingly finding it difficult to secure this. These are stored in the classroom. Each child has an individual Healthcare Plan plus Parental consent for staff to administer medicine and for the child to carry medicine.
- Children with asthma are encouraged to take control of their condition
- Children feel confident in the support they receive from the school to help them do this
- Children with asthma are included in all school activities
- All staff feel confident in knowing what to do in an emergency
- The school asthma policy is understood and supported by the whole school.
- All first Aid kits and inhalers must be taken out in the event of and on visits.

We ensure that the whole school environment, which includes physical, social, sporting and educational activities, is inclusive and favourable to children with asthma.

The Forest Federation is committed to providing children with a physical environment, which is accessible to children with asthma. Our commitment to an accessible physical environment includes out of school visits and the school ensures these visits are accessible to all children. We ensure the needs of children and young people with asthma are adequately considered to ensure they have full access to extended school activities such as school productions, after school clubs and residential visits. All staff at The forest Federation are aware of the potential social problems that children with asthma may experience. Staff use this knowledge to try to prevent and deal with problems in accordance with the school's anti bullying and behaviour policies. Staff use opportunities such as personal, social and health education (PSHE) lessons to raise awareness of asthma amongst children and to help create a positive social environment.

The forest Federation ensures all classroom teachers, TAs and sporting coaches understand that pupil's with asthma should not be forced to take part in activity if they feel unwell.

We ensure all classroom teachers and TAs are aware of the potential triggers for pupil's asthma when exercising and are aware of ways to minimise these triggers.

The forest Federation ensures all children have the appropriate medicines with them during physical activity and that children take them when needed.

Risk assessments are carried out for any out of school visit and asthma is always considered during this process. Factors considered include how routine and emergency medicines will be stored and administered and where help could be obtained in an emergency.

There may be additional medicines, equipment or factors to consider when planning residential visits. These may be in addition to any medicines, facilities and healthcare plans that are normally available in school.

All staff understand asthma and are trained in what to do in an emergency

Staff at The forest Federation understand their duty of care to children in the event of an emergency.

In an emergency situation school staff are required under common law duty of care, to act like any reasonably prudent parent. This may include administering medicines.

All staff who work with children at this school receive training and know what to do in an emergency for the children in their care with asthma.

Training is refreshed for all staff at least once a year.

The Forest Federation uses school asthma healthcare plans to inform the appropriate staff (including supply teachers and support staff), of children in their care who may need emergency help.

Wherever necessary an ambulance is to be called without hesitation however from time to time a hospital visit is necessary without an emergency vehicle. Ideally parents should take their child to hospital however, should this not be possible, whilst not ideal, a member of staff who a. has business insurance and b. is known well to the child can take the child with the support of another adult. A copy of the pupil's health care plan must accompany them it is communicated to the hospital as soon as possible.

The Forest Federation has clear guidance on the administration of medicines at school

Please see our Protocol for the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in our Federation schools document.