

Moveen National School



Asthma Policy

Policy goal:

Our school is committed to ensuring that students with asthma achieve their full potential and take part in every aspect of school life.

Aims:

This policy aims to:

- Make provision for the immediate needs and requirements of students who have asthma
- Ensure the physical safety and wellbeing of all students with asthma
- Ensure that adequate resources and arrangements are in place to support students with asthma
- Ensure that procedures are in place for communicating with parents
- Provide training for staff in meeting the needs of children with asthma
- Comply with all legislation relating to safety and welfare at work

Roles and responsibilities**Students:**

- Are supported to self manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development: we explain asthma and asthma care to students and provide care with, not just to, them
- Have access to their reliever medication at all times

Parents/carers:

- Provide the school with an Asthma Action Plan (updated annually where necessary), signed by the treating doctor/healthcare professional.
- Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. Two inhalers must be sent for each student, one which will be kept in the office and one which will be kept in the child's classroom, either in their school bag or in the medication box as determined by their asthma action plan. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied.
- Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management.

Staff:

- Assist students to take their medication if necessary and administer medication in an emergency
- Allow students to take their medication 15-30 minutes before PE/exercising if necessary
- Document an asthma attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority

- Have a spacer-and mask- replacement policy: name and give a spacer/mask to a student who used them for their own use in the future-otherwise they need to be disposed of thoughtfully
- Minimise exposure to known triggers
- Display the 5 Step Rule poster in each class room and staff room
- Accompany a student to hospital in the case of an emergency if necessary

Board of Management

- Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma, and review regularly, including staff training in PHECC first aid course, including administration of Salbutamol
- Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff
- Review policies and practices

Monitor and Review

This policy was approved by the Board of Management on December 11th 2023

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 11/12/23

Signed: Maria Carroll
Principal:

Date: 11/12/2023