



BEAUFORT SCHOOL

ASTHMA POLICY

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Policy review date: March 2021

Member of staff responsible: Steve Robinson

Background:

Beaufort School is a Severe and Profound Multiple learning difficulties school for 3-11 year olds.

Definition:

This policy:

- ⊙ recognises the need of students or staff with asthma
- ⊙ ensures that children and adults with asthma participate fully in all aspects of the school curriculum
- ⊙ recognises the rights of all people to work in an environment free from asthma triggers such as tobacco smoke
- ⊙ recognises that immediate access to the student or staff member's blue reliever inhaler is vital

Process:

- ⊙ All staff are to be given basic awareness training about asthma and the use of an inhaler
- ⊙ All staff have a clear understanding of the procedures to follow when a child has an asthma attack
- ⊙ All staff are to be aware as to the location of blue reliever inhalers
- ⊙ A register of students and staff with asthma is kept and updated annually or as the need arises

Management:

Due to the Severe or Profound and multiple learning difficulties of the student population, it is recognised that there will be pupils who will not administer their own medication. A trained member of staff will assist students as required, following guidance on the medication. Parents / carers will then be informed regarding the use of the medication. Student will be assisted to use their medication by school staff who has received annual asthma training and following guidance from the school health service.

Emergency medication, spacers and Asthma register is to be checked annually (or sooner as need arises) by School Nurse in consultation with current guidance and best practice.