



Guidance on the use of Salbutamol Inhalers

Guidance from the Welsh Assembly has given advice for schools who may want to adopt a policy on Emergency Inhalers for use in school. Having explored this issue it is felt that school at this point will not hold emergency inhalers for the following reasons:-

- Currently the onus is on the parents to supply school with their child's inhaler and it is up to them to ensure the inhaler is in date and any changes of medication are given in detail to the school. Parents are requested to sign our asthma form and provide school with a clearly marked inhaler.
- If school were to adopt an emergency inhaler policy the storage, cleaning, disposal and checking of use by dates would be the school's responsibility. School currently keeps a register of children who have asthma and any other medical conditions.
- School is concerned that if we provide emergency Salbutamol inhalers that we will then be expected to provide emergency medication for other conditions. Currently children who have Epipens, Diabetes, Asthma or Epilepsy are expected to provide school with the appropriate medication and it is up to parents to ensure that they are in date and the correct dosage is given. School currently has Health Care Plans for all children who require medication.
- The guidelines from the Welsh Assembly state that it is at the discretion of the school - **at this time we will not be adopting this policy** as staff already carry out a number of duties to do with medication on a goodwill basis and we feel that this responsibility is being taken away from parents.

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