



## Asthma Policy

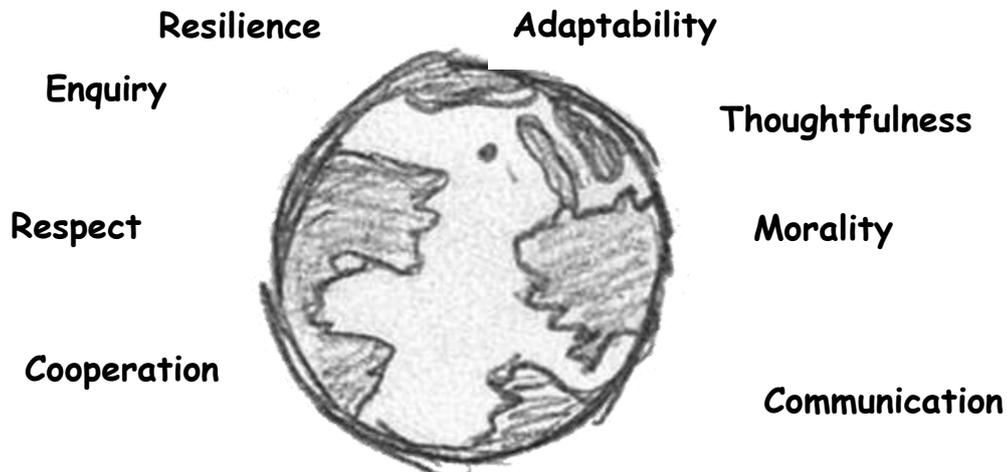
### VISION STATEMENT/ SCHOOL AIMS

At Boothferry Primary School our multi-cultural community places family at its core.

Our innovative, international curriculum provides opportunity and experiences that enable our children to become ambitious, resilient learners.

All members of our school community aspire to achieve their full potential. This ensures that all children make the best possible progress from their starting points and are supported to achieve high level academic skills.

We recognise and appreciate our responsibilities for ourselves and the wider world.



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### **Policy Statement**

This policy has been written with guidance from the National Asthma Campaign ([www.asthma.org.uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)), DCSF ([www.dfes.gov.uk/](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/)) and Health professionals.

Boothferry Primary is an inclusive school and welcomes all children. The school recognises that asthma and recurrent wheezing are important conditions affecting many school children.

All staff who have contact with children with asthma are given the opportunity to receive training from the school nursing team. The training is updated at regular intervals.

### **Medication**

Each child has immediate access to inhalers.



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### Foundation Stage

Inhalers are kept in the Early Years staffroom and each member of staff is aware of procedures should a child need their inhaler.

### KS1

*\*For children with severe Asthma, an individual health plan will decide upon the best location for the inhaler.\**

Inhalers are kept in a red basket in the school office cupboard. This is never locked during school hours. Teaching, non-teaching, admin and lunchtime staff are aware of necessary procedures should a child need their inhaler.

### KS2

*\*For children with severe Asthma, an individual health plan will decide upon the best location for the inhaler.\**

Inhalers are kept in the school office cupboard. This is never locked during school hours. Teaching, non-teaching, admin and lunchtime staff are aware of necessary procedures should a child need their inhaler.

All inhalers will be labelled by the parent with the child's name. The children are encouraged to be independent and many children will identify for themselves the need to take their medication as and when they feel it necessary.

School staff are not required to administer medication as all children can self-administer. However, in an emergency situation it may become necessary to assist the child.

Inhalers will NEVER be locked away.

### **Record Keeping**

When a child joins the school, parents/carers are asked if their child has asthma/recurring wheezing. They are asked to complete a form giving details of the condition and the treatment required. An asthma register is available for all school staff.

The form will be updated annually by the parents/carers or sooner if required.

A record is kept in the school office and in the EYFS staffroom showing the date and time any child accesses their inhaler throughout the school day.

### **Physical Education**

Children with asthma are expected to participate fully in PE/sports lessons. Improved overall health will impact on the effects of asthma.

Symptoms of asthma can be brought on by exercise and therefore, each child's labelled inhaler will be available during the lesson.



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Certain types of exercise are triggers for asthma/recurrent wheezing e.g. cross country running. Any child who knows that this type of exercise brings on symptoms, will be allowed to take their inhaler prior to exercise and at any other necessary time.

### **School Trips/Educational Visits**

No child will be denied the opportunity to take part in school trips/residential activities due to asthma/recurrent wheezing, unless so advised by their GP.

The child's inhaler will be readily available to them throughout the trip, being carried either by the child themselves or by the adult supervising the group which they are in. Pupils on residential trips will be asked to supply two inhalers, one to carry with them at all times and one to be kept in the centre.

Group Leaders/First Aiders will be trained in the prevention of asthma, as well as emergency treatment. They will carry the appropriate contact details with them.

### **Education**

Each child will receive continuous support and training from their allocated nurse at the asthma clinic. The school will liaise where appropriate and support all training. If any member of staff feels they need information or training above that offered by school, they may contact the school nurse at any time.

### **In an emergency:**

If an attack is prolonged, severe, appears to be getting worse or if the child is becoming exhausted a member of staff will dial 999 for an ambulance

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

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