Dear Parents,

**School Statement on Care of Pupils with Asthma**

This school takes the responsibilities of pupils with asthma very seriously. The school has an established asthma policy based on the policy and guidelines determined by the Local Education Authority as advised by and agreed with the Health Authority.

It is in the interest of your child that we work together to ensure your child’s asthma is managed as well as possible. With good management your child should rarely suffer asthma attacks and should be able to participate in a full and active school life free from fear or worry. However, in order to be able to offer total support to every child with asthma, we need full details of their treatment plan and be advised of any changes.

When assisting your child to overcome asthma, the child will normally take the medicine prescribed by their doctor. However, in emergency cases there may be occasions when we are unable to reach you quickly. Given the possibility that there could be a life-threatening delay under some circumstances, the school would wish to do all it could to assist a child in great distress.

The school has an emergency kit available for such children who are known to have asthma. Given the safety of asthma reliever medicines and the support of the LEA/Medical Authorities for this course of action, the school offers the facility to all children diagnosed as having asthma. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the school asthma policy, please contact the school and make arrangements to come and discuss your concerns.

Please make sure that if your child suffers from asthma the form is returned to school.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sally Vannoey