

## CONSENT FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY SALBUTAMOL (VENTOLIN) INHALER

Guidance from the Department of Health (see link below) allows schools to keep a Salbutamol inhaler for use in an emergency if the child's own is unavailable or unusable. However, written consent must have been obtained from parents/guardians prior to the administration of the emergency Salbutamol. Therefore, please complete the consent slip below and return it to the School Nurse **as soon as possible**.

Staff management of an asthma attack follows the recommendations from the Department of Health and Asthma UK (see links below). Having a Ventolin inhaler on site for emergencies, means that should your child be unable to find their inhaler or it is unusable they will be able to access the emergency one. It should be noted that the school still highly recommends that each student carries their own Salbutamol inhaler. Parents/guardians can provide a 'back-up' to be stored in the Medical Room if they wish.

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Pupil's name:

Tutor Group:

#### Child showing symptoms of asthma / having asthma attack

1. I can confirm that my child has been diagnosed with asthma and/or has been prescribed an inhaler [delete as appropriate].
2. My child has a working, in-date inhaler, clearly labelled with their name, which they will bring with them to school every day.
3. In the event of my child displaying symptoms of asthma, and if their inhaler is not available or is unusable, I consent for my child to receive Salbutamol (Ventolin) from an emergency inhaler held by the school for such emergencies.

Signed:

Name: (print)

Date:

#### Guidance on the use of emergency salbutamol inhalers in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emergency-asthma-inhalers-for-use-in-schools>

#### Asthma UK

<http://www.asthma.org.uk/>

# School Asthma Card

## To be filled in by the parent/carer

Child's name

Date of birth

Address

Parent/carer's name

Telephone – home

Telephone – work

Telephone – mobile

Doctor/nurse's name

Doctor/nurse's telephone

This card is for your child's school. **Review the card at least once a year and remember to update or exchange it for a new one if your child's treatment changes during the year.** Medicines should be clearly labelled with your child's name and kept in agreement with the school's policy.

## Reliever treatment when needed

For wheeze, cough, shortness of breath or sudden tightness in the chest, give or allow my child to take the medicines below. After treatment and as soon as they feel better they can return to normal activity.

Medicine	Parent/carer's signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Expiry dates of medicines checked

Medicine	Date checked	Parent/carer's signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## What signs can indicate that your child is having an attack?

Parent/carer's signature

Date

Does your child tell you when he/she needs medicine?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your child need help taking his/her asthma medicine?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What are your child's triggers (things that make their asthma worse)?

Does your child need to take any medicines before exercise or play? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe below

Medicine	How much and when taken
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Does your child need to take any other asthma medicines while in the school's care? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe below

Medicine	How much and when taken
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Dates card checked by doctor or nurse

Date	Name	Job title	Signature
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## What to do in an asthma attack

- 1 Make sure the child takes one to two puffs of their reliever inhaler, (usually blue) preferably through a spacer
- 2 Sit the child up and encourage them to take slow steady breaths
- 3 If no immediate improvement, make sure the child takes two puffs of reliever inhaler, (one puff at a time) every two minutes. They can take up to ten puffs
- 4 If the child does not feel better after taking their inhaler as above, or if you are worried at any time, call 999 for an ambulance. If an ambulance does not arrive within ten minutes repeat step 3.

**Asthma UK Adviceline** Ask an asthma nurse specialist  
0800 121 62 55 [asthma.org.uk/adviceline](http://asthma.org.uk/adviceline)  
9am–5pm, Monday–Friday

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