

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/>