

## Emergency Salbutamol inhalers in school

Dear Parent/carer

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to keep a salbutamol inhaler for use in emergencies.

The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma or prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.

The inhaler can be used if the student's prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, because it is broken, or empty)

Keeping an inhaler for emergency use will have many benefits. It could prevent an unnecessary and traumatic trip to hospital for your son/daughter and potentially save his/her life. Parents/carers are likely to have greater peace of mind about sending their son/daughter to school.

**This does not negate the parents/carer's responsibility to ensure that their son/daughter has his/her own inhaler prescribed by his/her G.P.**

Students should have their own inhaler with them to treat symptoms and for use in the event of an asthma attack.

An asthma register will be accessible to staff and designed to allow a quick check as to whether or not a student is recorded as having asthma, and consent for an emergency inhaler to be administered. The register will include a photograph of your son/daughter, with your parental consent, to allow a visual check to be made.

If you wish for your son/daughter to be included on the register please request a consent form to be sent home and return it to school fao Jemma Hill (First Aid Officer)

If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Campbell  
Head teacher