



**BADSWORTH**  
CofE School

**CARE – Prepare – Believe**  
**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'**  
**Philippians 4:13**

## POLICY REGARDING CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

**November 2024**

Badsworth School welcomes all children. If a child is an asthma sufferer this will not mean they will not be received into school nor excluded from any aspect of school life.

The school recognises that asthma is a condition affecting many school children and strives to make sure that the school environment is favourable to children with asthma. To this end, the use of aerosols is strictly limited to when children are not in a room. Staff must be aware that if an animal is brought into the classroom this could affect a child with asthma. Permission must, therefore, be sought from the Headteacher.

Staff have a clear understanding of what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack (see Asthma UK's guidance) and will make sure that children who suffer from asthma have immediate access to their inhalers.

The Governors and Headteacher will ensure that all staff, parents, health professionals and children are aware of this policy and the school's procedures regarding children with asthma.

Parents are urged to inform school if their child has been diagnosed as having asthma. They will be asked to provide a copy of their Asthma Plan, usually drawn up with the Doctor or Nurse. If a child with Asthma does not have a plan then parents / carers will be asked to complete a school form taken from Asthma UK's 'My Asthma Plan'. School will ask parents to review this form annually following school's audit of medication in school. Parents must take full responsibility for keeping school up to date should their child's condition change.

Children who need to use an inhaler must have an in-date one in school along with a spacer. All parts of the inhaler must be named and if appropriate show the dosage.

All teachers of children with asthma will be aware of their needs and appropriate procedures. All classes have a storage box for inhalers and staff and children know the location of the boxes in the child's / children's classroom. Guidance is also kept in the box. On the back of each classroom door there is a notice stating where inhalers are kept in that particular classroom.

Following the advice of the school nursing team we have an emergency Salbutamol inhaler and Aerochamber device in school. This will only be used in an emergency situation if your child's inhaler is empty/faulty. It is still the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child has their device with them in school and that it is in date. The emergency inhaler is stored in a labelled cupboard in the MI room

- During PE lessons / swimming lessons, the inhaler will be kept in a container with the teacher in charge of the lesson.
- Children must have their inhalers with them on school trips.
- If necessary, a child with exercise induced asthma may have a puff of their inhaler before a PE lesson.
- During break / lunch time, if not kept in their pocket, inhalers are kept in the class box.
- During cold weather, asthma sufferers are advised to wear their coats on the yard.
- Supply staff are made aware of children with asthma and are aware of this policy.
- Advice has been sought from the school nurse who provides regular staff training.
- The fact that a child is an asthma sufferer will be recorded on the child's record.

**Review Date – October 2026**