

Asthma Policy

Moneynick Primary School

November 2023



Signed: _____ (Principal)

Date: _____

Signed: _____ (Chair)

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Background

This policy has been written with advice from Asthma UK, healthcare professionals, parents/carers and pupils.

Moneynick Primary School recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many pupils at school. We positively welcome all pupils with asthma. Our school encourages pupils with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by all. Substitute teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy. All staff who encounter pupils with asthma are provided with training on asthma during every year.

The Governors of Moneynick Primary School recognises that the principal and teachers are not contractually required to administer medicines to pupils and that anyone who has agreed to do so is acting in a voluntary capacity.

Please note:

- Parents should keep their children at home if they are acutely unwell or infectious.
- Staff will not administer any non-prescribed medicine.
- It is now accepted that the dosage of many medicines can be arranged to permit medicine to be given to children before or after school. Parents should make this request to their GP and should only ask for medicine to be administered in school when this option is unavoidable.

In line with our current Policy for the Administration of Medication in School all children with Asthma are required to have filled out medication forms. Prescribed medication will not be accepted in school without complete written and signed instructions from the parent. See **FORM AM2** from Administration of Medication in School Policy.

Asthma medicines

- Immediate access to the Asthma medicines is essential. All Staff are aware of where the medication is kept or if the child carries the medication.
- Parents/carers are asked to ensure that the school is provided with an in-date, labelled inhaler. These are kept out of the reach of children unless medical advice is for the child to carry the inhaler.

Record Keeping

See administration of Medication in School Policy

Exercise and Activity – PE and Games

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. All teachers know which children in their class have asthma and all external

PE teachers at either school are made aware of which pupils have asthma from the school's asthma register.

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE lessons. Teachers and Classroom Assistants will remind pupils whose asthma is triggered by exercise, to take their inhaler before the lesson if required, and to thoroughly warm up and down before and after the lesson. If a pupil needs to use their inhaler during a lesson they will be encouraged to do so.

Classroom teachers follow the same principles as described above for games and activities involving physical activity.

Children undertaking school sports off-site e.g. Swimming Lessons or Football Tournaments should bring their inhaler with them. Teachers accompanying the group should be aware and should check that the child has their inhaler before they leave the building.

Afterschool Sporting Activities

Classroom teachers and Afterschool Sport Coaches are aware of the potential triggers for pupils with asthma when exercising, tips to minimise these triggers and what to do in the event of an asthma attack. They are made aware of any child in their club who uses an Asthma inhaler. The Moneynick Breakfast/Afterschool Club issues enrolment letters regarding pupils personal medical information at the beginning of each academic year. GDPR regulations are adhered to regarding storage and disposal of forms.

School Environment

The school is a Smoke Free Zone.

Review

This policy will be reviewed September 2026