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Albert Bradbeer Primary Academy

Asthma Policy

Policy and Procedure

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Relievers

Also known as a bronchodilator.

These quickly open up narrowed airways, helping the child to breath more easily, generally in a blue container, these are frequently found in use in school.

These inhalers are crucial for the successful management of asthma, delay in taking the reliever, even for a few minutes can lead to a severe attack.

Both types of inhaler can be used with a spacer (volumiser), particularly for young children. This is a cylindrical plastic chamber, the inhaler fits in one end and the child breaths through the other, having first activated the inhaler.

More severely affected children may need a nebuliser, for this the school would need special training and each child would have its own management policy in place.

SOME COMMON WORRIES

Should another – non asthmatic – child experiment with an inhaler, (although each child's medication is kept safely in a packet labelled with the child's name), they will not come to any harm. The medication simply dilates the airways and will not have an adverse effect on the child. The only reaction may be dizziness which is short lived.

Should the asthmatic child take a double dose of medication by mistake, again they will come to no harm as to much medication will only cause dizziness which will soon be relieved.

No child will ever be refused their medication, it does not matter where medication is kept, whether on the child's person or in the classroom, access will never be denied.