



Dear Parents,

Re: School Asthma Management Plan

We are pleased to inform you that this school takes its responsibilities to students with asthma very seriously. We are an asthma friendly school.

Asthma is a condition that can be serious and may require emergency treatment while at school. It is therefore important to have up to date information about the management of your child's asthma.

Attached to this letter is a School Asthma Action Plan that we request you complete (in consultation with, and signed by your child's Medical Practitioner if an individual plan is required).

The attached management plan outlines the Victorian Schools' Asthma Policy for Emergency Treatment of an asthma attack that must be followed in all Victorian Government Schools and is recommended as best practice in all other schools. If, however, your child's emergency treatment differs from this, there is space on the plan for a preferred treatment, but this **must be signed by a qualified, practising Medical Practitioner**. This management form should be **updated annually** or whenever the student's asthma medications change.

If there is no School Asthma Management Plan provided by you for your child's asthma management, the school staff will use the standard asthma first aid as detailed in the Schools Asthma Policy if your child has been known to have asthma or has difficulty breathing.

Please note that it is now school policy for all students with Asthma to have ventolin and a spacer in their school bag while at school. This has come about due to infection control standards that require all schools to be using single use spacers. In the event of an emergency we do have ventolin and spacers available, however you will be charged for the spacer as it will be sent home with your child.

The school also reserves the right to call an ambulance for any child they consider to be having an asthma attack or if a child is having difficulty breathing. Please ensure that your child is covered by ambulance cover if you do not have a health care card.

Please help us to responsibly care for your child while at school by completing and returning the attached plan as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours Sincerley

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