

11. Asthma Policy

Statement of Intent

As one child in ten in the UK has asthma, Coaley Village Playgroup offers a safe and supportive environment for children who have asthma. We recognise that asthma is a serious condition but also recognise that children should not miss out and lead a full and active life whilst at playgroup.

Aim

- To encourage and support children with asthma to participate to their limits.
- To promote a working partnership with families and other health professionals to identify the needs of children with asthma and work with the child's personal asthma action plans to ensure that their asthma is effectively controlled.

Methods

- A Pre-school Asthma card will hold important information on your child's asthma symptoms, how to recognise when their symptoms are getting worse and how to help them take their reliever medicine. This will be held at playgroup with spare reliever medicine.
- All members of staff will know what to do if a child has an asthma attack or in the event of an emergency.
- Reliever medicine will be within easy reach for a member of staff (not other children) and **will not be locked away**.
- Reliever medicine will be taken on any outings with your child's Asthma Card.
- Staff will be sensitive to the administration of the reliever medicine e.g. children who are shy about taking asthma medicines in front of others.
- We will inform parents/carers that your child has experienced asthma symptoms and had to use their reliever medicine.
- Staff will ensure that the reliever medicine will be taken outside at all times.
- All reliever medicines will be labelled correctly with the child's full name and ensure that they have not passed their expiry date.
- The committee will monitor the implementation and review the asthma policy progress.
- Keyworkers will have the knowledge, ability and confidence to care for children with asthma.
- Keyworkers will liaise with parents/carers of children about planning for and controlling their children's asthma.
- Your child's keyworker plus another elected member of staff will know what triggers a particular child's asthma, what medicine is to be taken, when it is to be taken, where the Pre-School Asthma Card and medication is kept.
- With consent from parents/carers, children with asthma will be encouraged to participate in sport and other activities.
- Parents are asked to provide a spare reliever inhaler at playgroup.
- With consent with parent's carers and the child all children will be involved in learning more about asthma and what to do in an emergency.
- All administrations of reliever medicine will be noted in medicine book. E.g. time given, by who, during which activity and that the parent has been notified.

Information taken from www.asthma.org.uk Pre-school guidelines.

- Asthma UK Adviceline Mon -Fri 9am - 5pm Tel: 08457 01 02 03