

Williamstown Primary School Asthma Policy

Authorisation

The policy was re adopted at Williamstown Primary School Council meeting on 15 June 2004.

Review date

This policy shall be reviewed in 2007 and updated if required.

Background: Asthma is a potentially life threatening disease and one in five children are effected by asthma. We must therefore know the correct procedures in the handling of children with asthma.

Aims:

1. Teachers must be aware of all asthmatic symptoms in their varying severity.
2. Teachers must know the roles of asthma medication.
3. At school camps teachers must be aware of preventative medications that need to be taken on a regular basis, but parents or carers would normally be responsible for regular preventative medication.
4. Teachers will consider the programming implications for students with asthma. e.g sport, swimming, weather conditions
5. Teachers will administer the normal Asthma Management Emergency Procedures with children suffering an asthma attack immediately.
6. Parents / Teachers should provide feedback to each other about asthma attacks and their various repercussions with respect to each student where applicable eg tiredness
7. These guidelines are drawn from the Victorian School Asthma Policy, which should be familiar to all students.

Implementation:

1. Teachers will update their knowledge about asthma through short presentations, printed information and professional in service. Charts of asthma management will be on display in the First Aid Room and the Junior School Resource Office.
2. Parents will be required to update asthma Management Plans via the information update sheets in February of each year. An asthma register will be housed in the first aid room with all the teachers having a copy of their own students asthma management plan. A teacher will be responsible to administer the asthma register and collection of the Asthma Management Plan.
3. A school camp asthma management plan medical form must be completed and returned to the staff member in charge for a student to participate in school camps. A teacher will be responsible for administering 'preventer' medications on camp.
4. (a) Some students will need reliever medication medications before programmed activity. If students develop asthma during activities they should rest and take reliever medication immediately.
(b) Physical Education teacher will have a complete asthma register and this will also be in the CRT Physical Education file in the office.
(c) Children should have their own medication , the school will have relievers only, available in the first aid room, bum bags, camps and excursions bags and Physical Education Teacher's First Aid kit.
5. Administer Asthma Emergency procedure ie 4x4x4 immediately and call an ambulance, if there is insufficient response or no improvement in the patients condition.
6. Teachers should notify parents of attacks and students daily condition in classroom where appropriate.
7. A copy of the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy will be housed in every teacher's Administrative manual.