



Carlton Gardens Primary School Asthma Policy

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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, classrooms and the staff room.
2. Parents will be required to update asthma Management Plans whenever required and provide the school with 2 copies (one for the classroom teacher, one for the first aid file).
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 copy of all student asthma management plans which he/she will copy from the first aid folder (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 classroom:
<http://www.asthma.org.au/Portals/0/AFS%20Schools%20Policy%202006%20LR.pdf>