

SARRATT DUCKLINGS PRE-SCHOOL

ASTHMA POLICY

At Sarratt Ducklings we:

- Welcome all children with asthma.
- Will encourage and help children with asthma to participate in all activities.
- Recognise that asthma is a serious condition affecting many young people.
- Recognise that immediate access to an inhaler is vital.
- Will do all we can to make sure that our environment is sympathetic to children with asthma.
- Will ensure that other children understand asthma, so that they can support their friends who have asthma.
- Have developed guidelines on the action to be taken in the event of a child having an asthma attack.
- Have a clear understanding of what to do in the event of a child having an asthma attack.
- Will work in partnership with parents, health professionals and other staff to ensure the successful implementation of the Ducklings asthma policy.

Guidelines for when a child is suffering an asthma attack are:

- Remain calm and reassure the child.
- Take the child to a quiet area of the room and sit them in an upright position that is comfortable for them.
- Allow the child to take their reliever inhaler (following parents signed instructions), and if there is no improvement repeat again in 5 minutes.
- Make sure you have contacted the parents and that they are on their way.
- If parents cannot be reached and the child's conditions worsens, phone 999.
- Complete the child's medication form and inform parents or medics what action has been taken.

All staff should be aware of the children at Ducklings who have asthma.

Asthma may go unrecognised, so all staff must acquaint themselves with the possible signs and symptoms.

Policy adopted by Sarratt Ducklings Management Committee.

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