

Dear Parents,

'ASTHMA MANAGEMENT'

If your child suffers from Asthma it is important that the enclosed '*School Asthma Management Plan*' be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

The plan provides the school with important information in the treatment of your child's Asthma condition.

Should you have any queries regarding the plan please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sean Lawless
Principal



School Asthma Management Plan

Student's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___ Class _____

Photo (optional)

Teacher's Name _____

Parent's / Guardian's Names _____

Phone Home () _____ Work () _____

Emergency contact Name _____ Phone () _____

Doctor's Name _____

Phone (BH) _____ (Mobile/Pager) _____

Ambulance Subscriber Yes/No (Subscriber No.) _____ Medicare No. _____

Schools Emergency Action Plan

This section is to be completed by the student's Doctor in consultation with their parent/guardian

1. What are the student's usual symptoms of asthma (✓) ?

Wheezing Tightness in chest Coughing Difficulty in Breathing

Other (Please describe)

2. What are the student's signs / symptoms of worsening asthma ?

Please describe

3. Please (✓) preferred *Emergency Action Plan*

Victorian Schools Asthma Policy for Emergency Treatment of an Asthma Attack

(Section 4.5.7.8 of the Department of Education Schools of the Future Reference Guide).

1. Sit the student down and remain calm to reassure the student.
2. Without delay give 4 puffs of a Reliever inhaler (Ventolin, Respolin or Bricanyl), using a spacer (*spacer technique - 1 puff/take 4 breaths from spacer, repeat until 4 puffs have been given*).
3. Wait 4 minutes. If there is no improvement, give another 4 puffs, as per step 2.
4. If no improvement, call an ambulance (dial 000) immediately and state that **"a student is having an asthma attack"**.
5. Continuously repeat steps 2 & 3 whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Student's Emergency Treatment (If different from above)

Medication	Dosage (eg 2 puffs)	Method (eg puffer and spacer)	How often (eg every 4 mins)

Additional comments

Usual Asthma Management Plan

1. Is medication usually required at school?

- No
 Yes (if yes, please provide the following information)

Medication	Dosage	How often

2. Does the student need pre-exercise medication?

- No
 Yes (if yes, please provide the following information)

Medication _____ Dosage _____

Under what circumstances ? (eg. cross country)

3. Does the student require assistance / supervision from staff while taking medication?

- No
 Yes (if yes, please provide instructions)

Instructions

Important

- ⇒ Please notify any changes in writing.
- ⇒ A more detailed asthma management plan will be required for overnight school excursions and camps.
- ⇒ Other relevant information e.g trigger factors, side effects from medication etc.

For further information about the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy and asthma management please contact Asthma Victoria on (03) 9326 7088 or Toll Free 1800 645 130



Declaration

In the event of an asthma attack at school, I agree to my son/daughter receiving the treatment described above. I also agree to pay all expenses incurred for any medical treatment deemed necessary.

Parent's / Guardian's Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Doctor's Comments (if any) _____

Doctor's Signature _____ Date ___/___/___