



# **Abu Bakr Islamic School**

## **Asthma Policy**

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## **Introduction**

Abu Bakr Islamic School (ABIS) is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of all children. This policy outlines the procedures and responsibilities for managing asthma in line with the Department of Health guidelines (2014):

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## **Asthma Management**

### **1. Identification and Record Keeping**

- Parents/guardians must inform the school if their child has asthma.
- Parents/guardians must provide the necessary information detailing their specific needs and medication.

### **2. Medication**

- Parents/guardians are required to provide an inhaler for their child, which should be brought to school in a named bag or container.
- The inhaler must be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions.
- If possible, a spare inhaler should be requested from the GP and provided to the school to be kept in a secure, accessible location.

### **3. Storage and Accessibility**

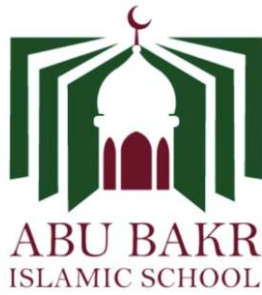
- Children should carry their inhalers with them at all times, especially during physical activities.
- Spare inhalers will be stored in a designated area that is easily accessible to staff and children.

## **Use of Emergency Inhalers**

In accordance with the Department of Health's 'Guidance on the Use of Emergency Salbutamol Inhalers in Schools' (2014):

### **1. Emergency Inhaler Provision**

- ABIS will maintain an emergency salbutamol inhaler for use in situations where a child's prescribed inhaler is not available (e.g., broken, empty, or forgotten).



- The emergency inhaler will only be used for children who have been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed a reliever inhaler, and for whom written parental consent has been obtained.

## 2. Consent and Record Keeping

- Written parental consent for the use of the emergency inhaler must be included in the child's IHP.
- A register of children permitted to use the emergency inhaler will be maintained and kept with the inhaler.

## 3. Staff Training

- Staff will receive training on recognising asthma symptoms and the correct use of inhalers, including the emergency salbutamol inhaler.
- First Aid training will be updated every three years to ensure all staff are competent in managing asthma emergencies.

## 4. Procedure During an Asthma Attack

- Keep calm and reassure the child.
- Encourage the child to sit up and slightly forward.
- Use the child's own inhaler – if not available, use the emergency inhaler.
- Administer two puffs of the inhaler via a spacer, if available.
- If there is no immediate improvement, continue to give two puffs at a time every two minutes, up to a maximum of 10 puffs.
- If the child does not feel better or you are worried at any time, call 999 for an ambulance.
- Inform the parents/guardians that their child has used the emergency inhaler.

## Review and Monitoring

- This policy will be reviewed annually or following any significant changes in Department of Health guidelines.
- Feedback from staff, parents, and children will be considered to ensure the policy remains effective and up-to-date.

## Related Policies

- This policy must be read in conjunction with our First Aid Policy and Health and Safety Policy.

By adhering to this policy, ABIS aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for children with asthma, ensuring they can participate fully in school activities.