

St Charles Catholic Primary School



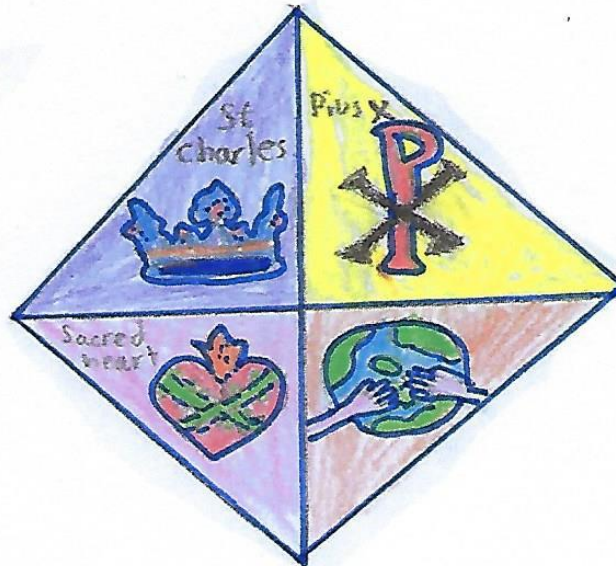
Asthma Policy

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Date policy to be reviewed: October 2027

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Our Mission Statement

✠ *Love God, Love your Neighbour* ✠



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Through God's love, and with guidance from the Holy Spirit, we, the Community of St Charles, share our Catholic faith together. We seek to nurture in our children an understanding of the importance of Christian values and a deep love and lifelong commitment to God.

We value the unique strengths and gifts of the children entrusted to us and strive to provide an excellent education, so that through our teaching the children may realise their full potential.

In partnership with our families, Governors and Parish, and inspired by our faith, we support the children of St Charles. We encourage them to shine, to have pride in their achievements, to show concern for others and contribute to society as responsible citizens.

Our Aims

- To appreciate that we are all uniquely created and loved by God.
 - To deepen each child's understanding of the Catholic faith.
- To nurture in the children an understanding of Christian values and how these help shape our lives and the lives of others.
 - To understand the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation.
- To work in partnership with parents and Parish to create a Christian atmosphere enriched through prayer.
- To provide an excellent education so children learn and achieve their potential.
 - To respect and care for one another in a happy, welcoming and nurturing community.
- To ensure children care and respect others, develop an understanding of the world and contribute to society as responsible citizen

Pupils with asthma are welcome in this school. They are encouraged to take part in ALL activities.

Aims

- All staff, teaching and support staff are aware of the condition and know what to do in the event of an asthma attack.
- Annual training is provided by the school nurse for all staff.
- All children with asthma have easy, and immediate access to their reliever inhaler treatment.
- All children have an awareness of asthma so that they can support their friends.
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and regularly updated.
- There is good communication between home, school and the school nursing team.

At School

When joining St Charles Catholic Primary School all parents are asked if their child is ever wheezy, or has been identified as suffering with asthma.

Parents are asked to complete a medical information form. This form outlines the condition and if, or when, medication needs to be taken. The forms are kept by our School Asthma Champion.

Parents of children with asthma are asked to keep the school informed of any changes in condition, or other illnesses/allergies likely to affect their asthma.

Discussions are held between the School Asthma Champion and class teacher when necessary to update the teacher of any change in the child's condition or regime of medication. It is the School Asthma Champion's responsibility to ensure this occurs.

All children will be treated in accordance with the NWL School Emergency Asthma plan. We encourage parents to share with us their child's Asthma Action plan (provided by their Health care practitioner at their annual asthma review).

Administering Inhalers

Children **MUST HAVE** one blue salbutamol inhaler (reliever inhaler) and one plastic spacer prescribed by their GP in school. This must be in its original box with its prescription label detailing the child's name. It is the parent's responsibility to supply this blue inhaler and spacer to the school. This is kept in the class Medical Box. All inhalers will be easily and immediately accessible and never locked away. All classrooms are equipped with a class Medical Box. This will contain each child's individual labelled medication and spacer.

Class teachers will monitor inhaler use and liaise with the parents and the School Nurse if any children are needing to use their inhaler on a regular basis (weekly or more frequently)

Preventative inhalers - These now come in a range of colours including: orange, maroon, purple and beige and are **NOT** needed in school. They should be administered at home before and after school. Any preventative medication will be sent home if brought into school.

Access to Inhalers

Children with asthma will have access to their inhaler whenever needed with supervision and support from an adult.

The class Medical Box should be taken out with the class whenever they leave the room: during all games lessons, lessons held in different rooms, fire drills and emergency evacuations.

It is essential that the teacher ensures their classes asthma medication is taken with the class on all school trips, swimming etc. On any other class or year group trips out of school a named adult is responsible for carrying the inhalers and spacers. The class teacher and/or first aiders will prepare the medication bags for school trips.

Emergency Asthma Kits

The school has emergency asthma kits which are held in the office and dining room. The emergency inhaler/spacer should only be used in an emergency if the child's own inhaler / spacer is not available (expired / empty / lost). The spacer is to be washed in warm soapy water and left to air dry and the inhaler should be wiped clean with an anti bacterial wipe after use.

The inhaler in the Emergency kit can only be used by children whose parents have consented to the usage.

Each pack will contain

- 2 blue Salbutamol inhalers,
- 2 plastic spacers,
- an emergency asthma plan poster,
- register of consented asthmatic children and an asthma log.

It is the School Asthma Champion's job to ensure the class and emergency boxes are regularly checked and contain all the agreed equipment. Class staff to let welfare know if asthma forms run out.

P.E and Clubs

The Welfare Team ensures that class teachers and P.E teachers are aware of children with asthma. Staff should inform the welfare if any children need their inhalers during exercise.

Teachers need to take the class asthma box with them to the P.E lesson, and ensure this box is returned to the class.

Teachers need to make sure they take any asthma medication for children with asthma, to any after school sporting events.

Adults who run sports clubs will be made aware of children with asthma through their register. These children will be highlighted on the register.

Asthma Attack

In the case of an asthma attack the teacher should follow the instructions on the asthma attack poster situated in all classrooms and keep the child calm. **PLEASE TREAT CHILD WHERE THEY ARE AND SEND FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY.**

Asthma Friendly School Status

Our school is currently an Asthma Friendly school. This status is reviewed annually by the School Nursing Team and the following criteria must be met each year for it to be awarded:

- ✓ Named Asthma Champion
- ✓ Named Asthma Lead
- ✓ Register of all children with Asthma
- ✓ Management plan for children with asthma (Asthma Action plan)
- ✓ Asthma Champion links with Community Asthma services & attends Annual workshop
- ✓ Clear Asthma policy
- ✓ Accessible inhalers
- ✓ Annual school staff training (minimum 85% attendance required)
- ✓ Display of emergency plan posters
- ✓ Emergency inhaler kits
- ✓ Annual asthma audit

Whole School Training

In order to support the management of children's asthma within our school, whole school staff training is to be updated annually to ensure that **ALL** staff are aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a child having a possible asthma attack.

Legal Position

Staff are legally covered by the LA to administer asthma treatment if they are happy to do so. It is **illegal** to use with one child the inhaler of another, even in an emergency.

Our asthma policy incorporates national guidelines recommended on the management of asthma care in school. The policy is in place to maintain the safety of all children with asthma at our school and to support our school staff team in doing so.

ASTHMA ATTACK

SIGNS OF AN ASTHMA ATTACK:

- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Shortness of breath

Give 2 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Inform parents and welfare officer

No better?

Give up to 6 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Call parents to collect from school and inform welfare officer

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Advise to see GP

No better?

Give up to 10 puffs of **Salbutamol** via spacer

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Call 999 and ask for an ambulance!

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Give up to 10 puffs every 15 minutes until child is better or help arrives