

ASTHMA POLICY

Statement of intent

Jellytots Playgroup recognises that asthma is a serious condition affecting many pre-school children and positively welcomes all children with asthma.

Jellytots Playgroup encourages children with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of pre-school life by having a clear policy that is understood by all staff. New staff are made aware of this policy. All staff that have contact with children suffering with asthma are aware of the appropriate inhaler techniques. Training is updated regularly.

Medication

Immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital. Parents are asked to ensure that the playgroup is provided with a labelled reliever inhaler and spacer with a valid prescription and in date. The reliever inhalers/spacers for all children requiring them are stored within the setting in an easily accessible place in compliance with the safe storage of medication guidelines.

Outings

A risk assessment is carried out before an outing takes place. This would include the Risk to children with on-going medical conditions (see our Health and Safety, First Aid, Medication and Outings Policies)

Medication for the child will be taken in a sealed plastic bag, clearly labelled with the child's name and the name of the medication. Also a copy of the consent form and a card to record when medication has been given, with the details as given above.

On returning to setting the card is stapled to the administering medicine sheet and the parent signs it. (See below)

Record Keeping

At the beginning of each intake or when a child joins Jellytots, parents are asked if their child has asthma. From the information received from the parent the playgroup keeps a medical register which is available for all staff. This is regularly updated. If a child's medication changes, parents are asked to inform staff and complete new documentation.

Environment

Jellytots does all it can to ensure that the playgroup environment is favorable to children with asthma. Jellytots does not keep furry or feathery pets and has a non-smoking policy. As far as possible the playgroup does not use chemicals that may be potential triggers for children with asthma.

When a child is not reaching their full potential due to asthma

If a child is missing lots of sessions at Jellytots because of asthma or is tired at playgroup because of disturbed sleep, the staff will initially talk to the parents. If appropriate the staff will then talk to the Health Visitor and Special Educational

Needs Coordinator about the situation. The playgroup recognises that it is possible for children with asthma to have educational needs because of this condition.

Asthma attacks

All staff that have come into contact with children known to suffer with asthma are well informed as to what steps must be taken in the event of an asthma attack and receive an update training session regularly.

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