



St Thomas Aquinas Primary School,
Norlane

Asthma Management Policy

Rationale:

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School will work to become an Asthma Friendly school.

As an asthma friendly school we will meet the eight essential criteria.

1. Asthma education will be provided for all school staff
2. Asthma Action Plans / Student Asthma Records for each student with asthma will be required and kept in a central location. At Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School these will be kept in the sick bay.
3. Asthma First Aid posters will be displayed in the sickbay and staff room areas.
4. Students with asthma will be encouraged to have their medications readily available and safely stored at all times. Students will be permitted to carry their Ventolin or asthma medications with them and/or have them in their school bags or desks.
5. A blue reliever puffer and spacer device(s) will be available for emergency use. This will be located in the sick bay. This medication will also be taken on all excursions.
6. A plan for managing asthma during school sporting activities, excursions and camps will be in place. Medication is made available to children suffering from asthma. On school camps a School Asthma plan for the camp is required.
7. Asthma related information will be provided through the school to parents/carers that contributes to the quality of life, health outcomes and well being for their children. Asthma information will be placed in the newsletter.
8. Asthma Friendly Schools Program teaching resources will be used as part of the school's health curriculum. Teachers will be encouraged to include asthma education within units of work related to health and wellbeing.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Improvement Plan, Wellbeing sphere.

Asthma First Aid

Procedure if someone has an asthma attack.

In a case where someone is having an asthma attack, the staff should immediately:

Administer Asthma First Aid according to either:

The provided Asthma Action Plan as signed by the parent and doctor and/ or doctor's written instructions

OR

Compassion

Respect

Service

Justice



Follow the Asthma First Aid Plan below

AND if a first attack – Call an ambulance (Dial 000).

Record any asthma incident in the sickness book.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the schools review cycle.

Updated: 2018

Review: 2022

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