



# St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

## Asthma Policy

### Asthma at School - Policy Guide

#### Introduction and background

This policy has been written with advice from the Department for Education & Employment, Asthma UK, the local healthcare professionals (school nurse), Michelle Harrope (paediatric respiratory specialist nurse in Asthma) parents, the governing body and pupils.

The school recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable, condition affecting many pupils at the school. The school positively welcomes all pupils with asthma. St Columba's Catholic Primary School encourages pupils with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff, their employers (the local education authority) and pupils. Supply teachers and new staff are also made aware of the policy.

A selection of staff have received training from Asthma UK and this training has been cascaded down to the remainder of the staff.

#### Asthma medicines

Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Pupils reliever inhalers of younger children are kept in the classroom in a clearly marked medical box, inhalers are clearly marked on the child's name on. There is also a notebook with instructions for each child and recordings of when the child has needed to use their inhaler. This box is taken on all outside activities and school trips.

- School staff are not required to administer asthma medicines to pupils (except in an emergency or for children who are unable to administer themselves). School staff who agree to administer medicines are insured by the local education authority when acting in agreement with this policy.

**All school staff will let pupils take their own medicines when they need to.**