

Haringey Asthma Friendly Schools



Date:

Dear Dr

Pupil Name & Date of Birth

School Name & Address:

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I have visited the above school to review the personalised asthma action plans for all pupils with asthma/ viral induced wheeze currently registered at the school. I found that the pupil listed above, who is registered to your practice, does not have a personalised asthma action plan issued by a doctor. Please can you fill in the attached plan and return it to the above school as soon as possible, with a copy also going to the parents please.

We are working hard to make all Haringey Schools 'Asthma Friendly' where the staff have a greater understanding of the condition and better ability to recognise and treat an asthma attack. A key part of the asthma friendly initiative, in line with the BTS (British Thoracic Society)/ NICE national guidelines, is for all children to have a medically issued personalised asthma action plan. There is strong evidence to suggest this simple intervention reduces asthma morbidity and mortality, ensuring all school age children in the borough receive optimal management.

If you find that this child has not had an asthma review within the last year, please can you consider arranging one.

We would be very grateful for your assistance with this.

Best wishes,

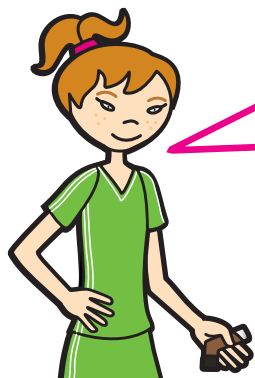
Name:

School nurse email address:

Or single point of contact email: whh-tr.haringeyschoolnursing@nhs.net

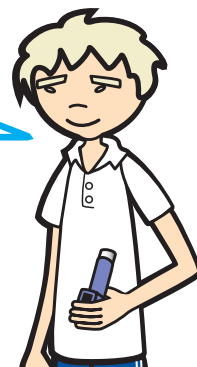
Direct telephone:

My Asthma Plan



Your asthma plan tells you when to take your asthma medicines.

And what to do when your asthma gets worse.



Name: _____

1 My daily asthma medicines

- My preventer inhaler is called _____ and its colour is _____
- I take _____ puff/s of my preventer inhaler in the morning and _____ puff/s at night. I do this every day even if I feel well.
- Other asthma medicines I take every day:

- My reliever inhaler is called _____ and its colour is _____.
I take ____ puff/s of my reliever inhaler (usually blue) when I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe.
- My best peak flow is _____

2 When my asthma gets worse

I'll know my asthma is getting worse if:

- I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe, or
- I'm waking up at night because of my asthma, or
- I'm taking my reliever inhaler (usually blue) more than three times a week, or
- My peak flow is less than _____

If my asthma gets worse, I should:

Keep taking my preventer medicines as normal.

And also take _____ puff/s of my blue reliever inhaler every four hours.



If I'm not getting any better doing this I should see my doctor or asthma nurse today.

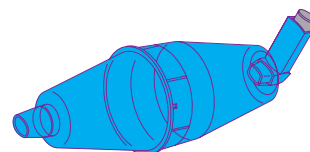
Does doing sport make it hard to breathe?



If YES

I take:

_____ puff/s of my reliever inhaler (usually blue) beforehand.



Remember to use my inhaler with a spacer (if I have one)

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3 When I have an asthma attack

I'm having an asthma attack if:

- My blue reliever inhaler isn't helping, or
- I can't talk or walk easily, or
- I'm breathing hard and fast, or
- I'm coughing or wheezing a lot, or
- My peak flow is less than _____

When I have an asthma attack, I should:

Sit up – don't lie down. Try to be calm.

Take one puff of my reliever inhaler every 30 to 60 seconds up to a total of 10 puffs.

My asthma triggers:

Write down things that make your asthma worse

I need to see my asthma nurse every six months

Date I got my asthma plan:

Date of my next asthma review:

Doctor/asthma nurse contact details:

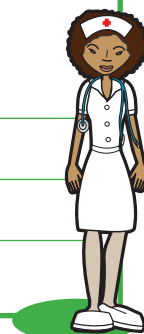
Even if I start to feel better, I don't want this to happen again, so I need to see my doctor or asthma nurse today.



If I still don't feel better and I've taken ten puffs, I need to call 999 straight away. If I am waiting longer than 15 minutes for an ambulance I should take another _____ puff/s of my blue reliever inhaler every 30 to 60 seconds (up to 10 puffs).



Make sure you have your reliever inhaler (usually blue) with you. You might need it if you come into contact with things that make your asthma worse.



Parents – get the most from your child's action plan

Make it easy for you and your family to find it when you need it

- Take a photo and keep it on your mobile (and your child's mobile if they have one)
- Stick a copy on your fridge door
- Share your child's action plan with school, grandparents and babysitter (a printout or a photo).

You and your parents can get your questions answered:

Call our friendly expert nurses

0300 222 5800

(9am – 5pm; Mon – Fri)

Get information, tips and ideas

www.asthma.org.uk