



Dear Parents/Guardian

## **Asthma : Emergency Kit**

You have notified us that your child has been diagnosed with Asthma / Breathing problems when they have a cold and you have provided us with 2 inhalers for use in school. We are writing to inform you that legislation around the use of inhalers in school and the necessity for 2 inhalers to be provided has now changed.

From 1st October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 allowed schools to buy 1 x salbutamol inhaler, without a prescription, for use in school in emergencies which makes up an 'emergency kit'.

Our school have elected to do this and have purchased several 'emergency kits' for use in and around the school. This means that you are only required to provide 1 reliever inhaler to the school along with a paediatric spacer (**Not the Aero Chamber Plus type, which are Yellow and have a mask, these are designed for children under the age of 3 years**). We wish to retain both of your child's inhalers in school until their expiry date at which point you will be invited to provide only 1 replacement inhaler and spacer for use in school.

The emergency kit inhaler can be used if your child's prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, it is not close to hand at the site of the Asthma attack). We wish to reassure you that we will not be sharing spacers between children. In the event that your child uses the emergency spacer that spacer will be labelled and be stored for future use by your child in school and we will purchase a replacement spacer for the 'emergency kit'.

The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children, for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given. For this reason we have provided you with 2 copies of this letter and ask that you sign and return the second copy for our files.

We will automatically record that you have offered your permission for your asthmatic child to use our Emergency Kit whilst in our care. If you wish to retract this permission you should do so in writing explaining the reason for your decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Titeux', written in a cursive style.

**Marc Titeux**  
Headteacher