

	<p>Carlton Gardens Primary School</p> <p>ASTHMA POLICY</p>	<p>Authorisation: October 2013 Review: 2016</p>
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Purpose

Asthma is a potentially life threatening disease and one in five children are effected by asthma. The school must therefore have clear procedures for handling of children with asthma.

Aims

- To ensure processes for managing asthma are well known and followed i.e. Asthma Management Emergency Procedures, awareness of asthmatic symptoms and the role of asthma medication.
- To ensure preventative medications are taken on school camps, where applicable.
- To ensure programming implications for students with asthma are considered e.g. sport, swimming, weather conditions.
- To encourage parents/teachers to discuss the potential implications for children with asthma e.g. tiredness, participation in physical activities.

Implementation

1. Teachers will update their knowledge about asthma through professional development, short presentations, printed information and professional in service. Charts of asthma management will be on display in the First Aid room, classrooms and the staff room.
2. Parents will be required to update asthma Management Plans whenever required and provide the school with 2 copies (one for the classroom teacher, one for the first aid file).
3. Staff will administer the Asthma Management Emergency Procedures with children suffering an asthma attack immediately i.e. administer 4x4x4 immediately and call an ambulance, if there is insufficient response or no improvement in the patient's condition.
4. A school camp asthma management plan medical form must be completed and returned to the staff member in charge for a student to participate in school camps. A teacher will be responsible for administering 'preventer' medications on camp.
5. (a) Some students will need reliever medication medications before programmed activities. If students develop asthma during activities they should rest and take reliever medication immediately.
(b) Physical Education teachers are responsible for ensuring they have a copy of all student asthma management plans which he/she can copy from the first aid folder.
(c) Children should have their own medication, the school will have relievers only, available in the first aid room, bum bags, camps and excursions bags and Physical Education Teacher's First Aid kit.
6. Teachers should notify parents of attacks and students daily condition in classroom where appropriate.
7. A copy of the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy will be housed in every teacher's classroom: <http://www.asthma.org.au/Portals/0/AFS%20Schools%20Policy%202006%20LR.pdf>

Reference

These guidelines are drawn from the Victorian School Asthma Policy.

Evaluation

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