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Dear Parent/Carer

Emergency Salbutamol inhalers in school

The Human Medicines (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2014 allows schools to keep a salbutamol inhaler for use in emergencies.

The emergency salbutamol inhaler will only be used by students for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma or prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.

The inhaler can be used if the student's prescribed inhaler is not available eg because it is not with the student, broken or empty.

Keeping an inhaler for emergency use will have many benefits. It could prevent an unnecessary and traumatic trip to hospital for your child and potentially save their life. Parents / carer's are likely to have greater peace of mind about sending their child to school.

This does not negate the parent / carer's responsibility to ensure that their child has their own inhaler prescribed by his/her G.P.

Students should have their own Ventolin inhaler with them at all times to treat symptoms and for use in the event of an asthma attack.

An asthma register will be accessible to staff and designed to allow a quick check as to whether or not a student is recorded as having asthma, and consent for an emergency inhaler to be administered. The register will include a photograph of your child, with your parental consent, to allow a visual check to be made.

If you wish for your child to be included on the register please complete the attached form and return it me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lisa Jevons
Medical and Student Welfare Officer