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Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Asthma Updates – Asthma Register, Asthma Policy, Asthma Card and Inhalers

Thank you for informing us of your child's asthma on his/her registration form. They have been added to our school **Asthma Register**. We have an **Asthma Policy** which outlines how we are working together to meet your child's medical needs in school. It is available on the school website, www.danemill.com.

Asthma Card/'Administration of Medicines' Permission Form

As part of this policy, we are asking for your support in completing a School Asthma Card for your child/children (attached). Please take this card to your child's doctor/asthma nurse to fill in and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

The completed card will store helpful details about your child's current medicines, triggers, individual symptoms and emergency contact numbers. The card will help school staff to better understand your child's individual condition. Please make sure this is kept up-to-date and school are informed of any changes throughout the year.

It is vital we have up-to-date information on your child's condition. We ask for your support in completing a new yellow 'parental agreement for setting to administer medicines' and Asthma Card at the start of each academic year.

Asthma Medicines

For school to fully administer the Asthma Policy, your child should have two in-date inhalers labelled with your child's details (and a spacer if required) in school. The first should be either kept with the child depending on their age, or with the class teacher. The second is a spare inhaler which the class teacher will hold separately in case the pupil's own inhaler runs out, or is lost or forgotten.

We do not have an inhaler in school for some children on the Asthma Register, which could be fatal.

If we do not have an inhaler in school, your child will not be able to take part in any activities outside of the school grounds, such as trips and swimming. *If your child does not have a diagnosis of asthma or need an inhaler, please request the office remove this from their medical records so that we can update our Asthma Register.*



We have responded to Department of Health guidance and bought emergency inhaler kits, which can be administered only in an emergency and with written consent from parents/carers. Please sign the attached [permission form](#) and return it to the office. For more information on the use of emergency inhalers in school, please see our Asthma Policy.

Please pass all labelled inhalers through the office, not directly to class teachers.

There is lots of helpful information and advice for parents and children on the Asthma UK website, including free resources to support you and your child in managing their asthma.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

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