



Birley Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Inhalers for the New Academic Year

As we begin the new academic year, we are reviewing all medication held in school to ensure that we can continue to administer medicines safely and accurately.

What we need you to do

If your child STILL requires an inhaler in school:

Please provide a brand-new, unopened and in-date inhaler for the new academic year. It must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also provide a spacer, where required.

If your child NO LONGER requires an inhaler in school:

Please visit the school office to confirm this and sign the appropriate documentation. This allows us to update your child's medical records and ensure the information we hold is accurate.

Why do we need a new inhaler?

Government and MHRA safety guidance states that where an inhaler does not have a built-in dose counter, a tally of the doses administered should be kept.

This is particularly important because some inhalers can still appear or feel as though they contain medication even when all of the measured medicinal doses have been used.

Providing school with a new, unused inhaler means staff can begin an accurate tally from the very first dose administered in school. This helps us keep track of the amount of medication remaining and ensures your child has access to a working inhaler should they need it.

For this reason, please do not send previously used inhalers into school at the beginning of the academic year, as we cannot accurately determine how many doses have already been administered from an inhaler without a dose counter.

Please check:

- Your child's inhaler is brand-new, unused and in date
- It is clearly labelled with your child's name
- A spacer is provided where required
- Your child's asthma and healthcare information held by school is up to date
- School is informed promptly of any changes to medication, dosage or healthcare plans

Asthma Information & Support

There is lots of useful information and support available to families:



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BeatAsthma

Information and resources for children, young people and families to help understand and manage asthma.

Moving on Asthma

Resources to support children and young people with their asthma and encourage confidence in managing their condition.

Healthier Together

NHS-supported advice for parents and carers, including information about childhood asthma, symptoms and when to seek medical help.

Asthma + Lung UK

Advice, information and support for children and adults living with asthma and other lung conditions.

Your GP Practice Nurse / Asthma Nurse

If you have any concerns about your child's asthma, medication, inhaler technique or asthma action plan, please contact your GP surgery and ask to speak to your Practice Nurse or Asthma Nurse.

We encourage all families to ensure their child's asthma reviews and asthma action plans are kept up to date.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure that children's medication can be administered safely, accurately and effectively when they need it.

**Kind regards,
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