

Asthma Policy

Pooraka Community Kindergarten is committed to:

- Providing the necessary policy and procedures to ensure the health and safety of all students with asthma at the centre
- Raising awareness amongst parents about asthma
- Providing an environment in which students with asthma can participate to their full potential
- Providing a clear set of guidelines and expectations to be followed with regard to the management of asthma
- Providing an emergency response to asthma events in undiagnosed children

Documents which inform this policy are Asthma Australia Asthma Friendly Guidelines for Schools and Preschools, Education and Care Services National Regulations and CHES (child health and education support services – part of the Department of Education and Child Development) guidelines.

In order to meet these commitments we:

- ✓ Maintain current Asthma First Aid training
- ✓ Identify students with asthma during the enrolment process and document their needs with an action plan in conjunction with their health professional
- ✓ Require parents to clearly indicate if staff have permission to administer asthma first aid in the event of a breathing difficulty emergency
- ✓ Informing staff of students with asthma as part of their induction process
- ✓ Inform staff of students whose parents do not consent to emergency asthma first aid
- ✓ Keep medications in a secure location with ease of access to staff
- ✓ Display Asthma First Aid posters in key areas
- ✓ Provide Asthma Emergency Kits for use in the centre and on excursions
- ✓ Follow procedures in action plan and first aid training to administer medication
- ✓ Communicate with parents when medication is administered via phone and Injury or Illness Report book
- ✓ Make this policy available to all families
- ✓ Promote Asthma Foundation as a source of advice.

We ask parents to:

- Inform staff of their child's asthma needs or subsequent diagnosis and providing an Action Plan in conjunction with their health professional
- Updating this plan if it changes
- Provide an adequate supply of appropriate medication and spacer device clearly labelled with the child's name and expiry date
- Inform staff at the beginning of sessions if medication has been required prior to attending kindy
- Consider the possibility of an emergency asthma event for their child and give written consent for emergency first aid to be offered
- Read this policy and share information with other parents where possible.

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