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**POLICY TITLE: Asthma Management Policy**

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## **OVERVIEW**

25% of children suffer from asthma. Of these children, around 16% require regular treatment. Most children only have mild cases of asthma which are managed with a medicated inhaler. Rockingham Montessori School will facilitate effective care and health management of children with asthma, and the prevention and management of acute asthma attacks and medical emergencies.

## **PROCEDURES**

To prevent and manage the care and health of children with asthma Rockingham Montessori School will follow these procedures:

### **General Management:**

- Children with asthma are treated the same as other children on a non-bias basis, this includes during the enrolment process.
- Parents are to provide and update information on their child's asthma and its management. If parents notify the school that their child has asthma, they will be requested to provide an Asthma Action Plan from their medical practitioner. This will be required to be updated annually.
- Class teachers are to maintain accessible records that identify all children with asthma. These records will be included as part of the Child Health Care Plan, and will include a copy of the child's Asthma Action Plan. A copy of the Asthma Action Plan will be kept in the child's classroom. Both the Child Health Care Plan and the Asthma Action Plan are required to be reviewed by the class teacher and parents annually.
- A treatment poster of Asthma First Aid is to be displayed in the staff room and in each classroom in which there is a child with asthma.

- Asthma education is to be provided for all staff on an on-going basis so that staff are competent in recommended procedures involved in treating an asthma attack, and managing the children with asthma in their care. All staff are expected to attend these periodically.
- Parents should supply own medication (this must be current, dated and clearly labelled) for their child's treatment when in attendance at the school. This medication should be administered in accordance with the school's Medication Guidelines.
- The School will ensure that a blue Reliever puffer (Ventolin, Airomir, Asmol, Epaq or Bricanyl) and spacer device are stored in the school's First Aid Kit.
- If in the opinion of a trained member of staff the asthmatic child has symptoms, the parents will be called to collect the child.
- Staff should be aware of environmental indoor and outdoor allergens.

### **Emergency Management or Management of an Acute Asthma Attack:**

In the case of a child experiencing an acute asthmatic attack or any signs/symptoms of asthma, administer first aid or medical treatment according to either:

- The child's Asthma Action Plan;
- A doctor's instruction; or
- If a staff member has undergone training by a health or first aid organization in the management of an acute asthma attack is present at the time, the Asthma action or first aid Plan as recommended by that training, or
- Dial 000 for an ambulance;
- Notify the family/ parent immediately.

### **APPENDICES**

1. Child Health Care Plan
2. Asthma Action Plan

### **RELATED AND SOURCE DOCUMENTS:**

1. Montessori Australia Foundation Asthma Management Procedure
2. Relevant Legislation – Children's Services Regulation 2004(NSW); Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000; Regulations 2001 (NSW)
3. Asthma the Basic Facts, Asthma Australia, 2002
4. RMS Medication Guidelines