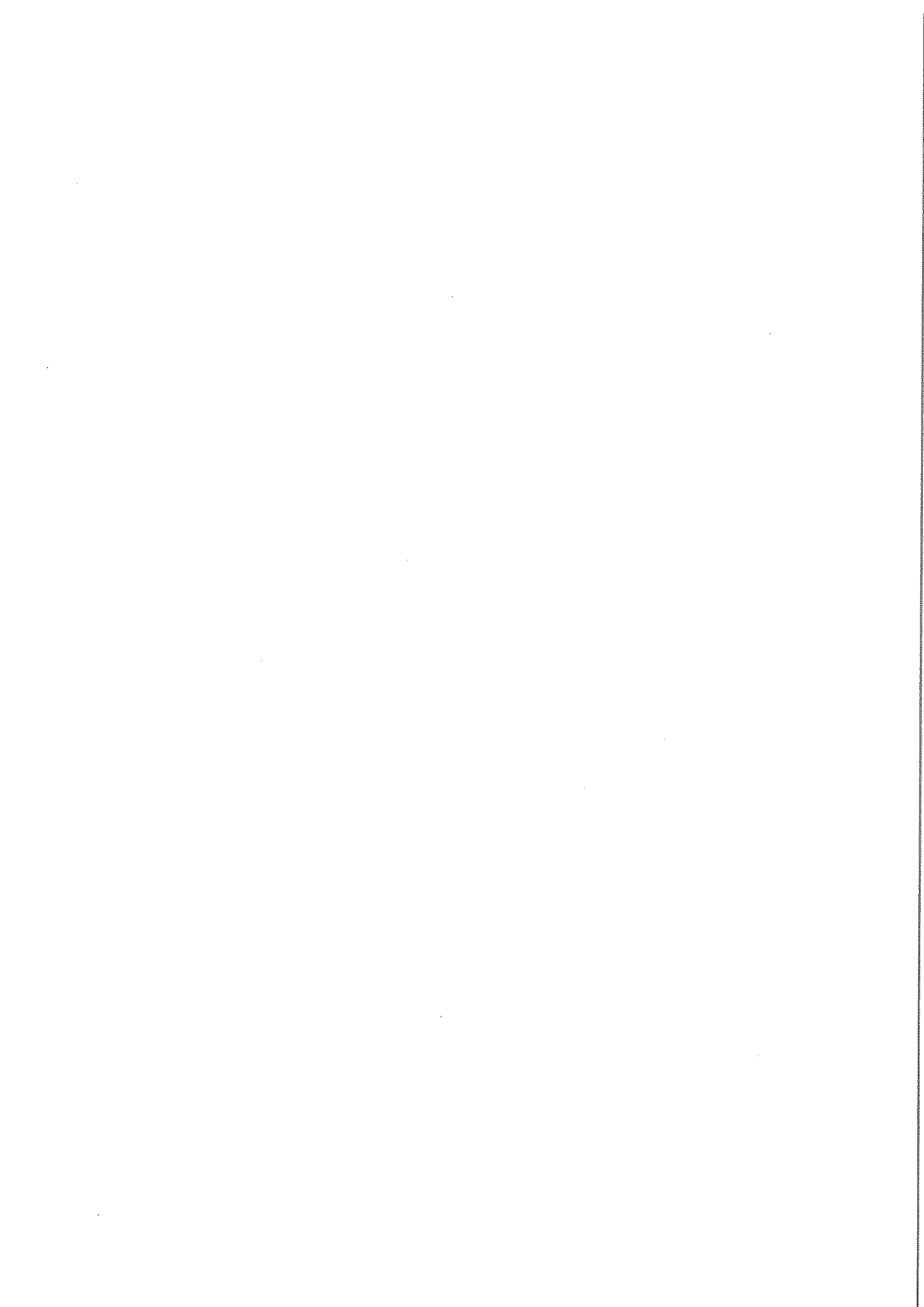




## **ASTHMA POLICY**

**This policy has been amended and  
the amendments are highlighted  
in yellow**



## Brookfields Primary School Asthma Policy Amended May 2016

### **Policy Statement**

(The term 'Parents' refers to parents and carers)

#### **Brookfields Primary School**

- Welcomes pupils with asthma and recognises their needs.
- Expects and encourages parents to give appropriate information to the school regarding their child's asthma and to provide a prescribed inhaler and spacer device (if required).
- Recognises that pupils need to have immediate access to their reliever inhaler.
- Will encourage and help children who have asthma to participate fully in all aspects of school life.

#### **On Admission to School**

- All parents will be asked to complete a medical form.
- Every child with an asthma diagnosis must have a blue reliever inhaler available in school and a spacer device if this is normally used.

#### **Storage and Disposal of Medicine**

- All inhaler devices need to be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - inhalers will be kept in Foundation kitchen.
- Year 2
  - a) Inhalers will be kept in the classroom under the supervision of the class teacher.
  - b) Inhalers should be easily accessible to the child.

- Key Stage 2
  - a) Pupils at this age are encouraged to become self-managing by the end of Year 6 by carrying their own inhaler and using when needed.
  - b) If there are any concerns about the child's technique they should be referred to the school nurse.
- Most children will not need to use their blue inhaler on a daily basis; therefore, if the child has experienced symptoms and has needed to use their inhaler, parents will be informed.
- Parents will always be informed if their child has an asthma attack.
- If pupils leave the premises for any activity they must have their reliever inhalers with them and the medical form that corresponds with it.
- Parents need to check all reliever inhalers/spacer devices regularly, confirming that inhalers are in date and are full of medication.

### Exercise and Activity

- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate in P.E lessons.
- Some pupils with asthma may need to use their reliever inhaler before exercising.
- Reliever inhalers must be readily available at all times.

### Asthma Attack

- It is important that all staff know how to deal with a child experiencing an asthma attack.
- In the event of an asthma attack school staff should follow the procedure outlined in "The Asthma Attack Flowchart" (see appendix 1). This flowchart should be displayed in the staff room, foundation kitchen and in classrooms year 2 and above.

### Emergency Inhaler

- There is an emergency inhaler and spacers available to use in a clearly labelled box in the Assistant Head teacher, Inclusion Office.

- When parents complete a medical form they are asked to sign to agree for its use if needed e.g inhaler has been left at home, is out of date, or used up.
- When the fire alarm goes this box should be brought out by the person who does the sweep in the area in which it is contained.

### Training

- All staff should access asthma awareness training and receive updates regularly so that they recognise and know how to deal with a child having an asthma attack, when and how to call an ambulance and what to do whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

This amended policy was adopted by the Governing Body

on 23/6/16

Signed: Dr Cutting

Date: 23/6/16

TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY AT THE START OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

