



### **Asthma Policy**

Parents must inform us if their child has been diagnosed with asthma, so that we can monitor them and keep their medication on site at all times.

The child's medication will be labelled with their name and stored in the medicine box in the dining room. If the child is going outside or to the lodge then the medication will be placed into the first aid box and kept close to the child.

It is the parents' responsibility to replace the inhaler when necessary and to inform the nursery of any changes to their child's condition whenever appropriate and necessary. Parents will be asked to fill out the Asthma Treatment Consent Form giving their permission for an Asthma trained member of staff to administer their inhaler, giving instructions on how much and how often the medication is to be administered.

In the case of an asthma attack we will follow the instructions given in the care plan which will have been set up by the manager/keyworker on arrival of the child's first session. The child will not be allowed to be left unaccompanied by a parent until such time as the inhaler is passed to a member of staff.

- Administer the reliever inhaler (usually blue) immediately and encourage the child to breathe deeply and steadily
- Sit the child down and loosen any tight clothing – DO NOT LIE THEM DOWN
- If there is NO immediate improvement, continue to allow one puff of the reliever inhaler every minute for five minutes or until the symptoms improve.
- If the symptoms DO NOT improve in five minutes or if in any doubt call 999.
- Continue with one puff of the reliever inhaler until help arrives.

The Asthma Treatment Consent Form is part of our Asthma Policy. (Taken from the NHS Choices Website).