

COOMERA SPRINGS STATE SCHOOL ASTHMA POLICY

If your child suffers from Asthma please complete the table below to indicate which category will best suit your child and their medication needs.

School Management

Management of school health conditions, including the administering of medication, is a courtesy provided by the school consistent with their duty of care to:

- Maximise the participation in school activities of students who require medication or special procedures for managing a health condition: and
- Optimise the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students at a school site.

School staff may assist a student with medication provided that a **written request is received from a Doctor, the student's parent or legal guardian. Staff must follow the directions** on the original pharmacy label attached to the medication container.

Self – Administering of Medication

Some students may be approved by the Principal to self-administer their medication. Students approved to carry, store their own medication should demonstrate practices of secure storage of medication.

Recommended procedure for self-administering is as follows:

- The **parent/caregiver provides a written request**, with **guidelines and procedures from the medical practitioner**, for the student to be responsible for administering their own medication
- The principal determines if the student is capable of assuming this responsibility
- The parent, student and Principal agree on where the medication is stored and where and how it is administered.

All other medications require secure storage and are administered only under the supervision of a staff member. **School staff must not** administer over-the-counter medication or prescribed medication unless they have

- **a fully completed school medication form**
- **written request from a parent/caregiver** accompanied by
- written advice from a **medical practitioner** with
- medication in the **original labelled** container.
- **The exception** is the reliever puffer, such as Ventolin, that is included for the **emergency treatment of asthma**.

Medication Categories:

The following categories apply in relation to children with Asthma

- A.** Child is authorised by parent/guardian to self-administer Asthma medication as needed and is also authorised to be responsible for caring for the medication.
- B.** Child is authorised by parent/guardian to self-administer Asthma medication as needed but with adult supervision. Medication is to be held at office.
- C.** Parent/guardian requires that the child's Asthma medication be held at the office and administered by an adult.
- D.** The child suffers from mild Asthma only. In the event of an attack the child's parent/guardian authorises their child to be administered medication by an adult and understands that a parent or other emergency contact will be notified.

Please complete the following table to indicate the category that best suits your child.

ASTHMA CATEGORY

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