



School Asthma Action Plan

We understand that your child has asthma. Asthma is a condition that can be serious and may require emergency treatment while at school. It is important therefore, to have up to date information about the management of your child's asthma.

The attached Asthma Action Plan outlines the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy for Emergency Treatment of an Asthma Attack that must be followed in all Victorian Government schools and is recommended as best practice in all other schools. **If, however, your child's emergency treatment differs from this, there is space on the plan for a preferred treatment, but this must be signed by a qualified, practising Medical Practitioner. This management form should be updated annually or whenever the student's asthma or asthma medications change significantly.**

If there is no Asthma Action Plan provided by you for your child's asthma management, the school staff will use the standard Asthma First Aid Plan as detailed in the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy if your child has been known to have asthma or is having difficulty breathing.

The school also reserves the right to call an ambulance for any child they consider to be having an asthma attack or if a child is having difficulty breathing. Please ensure your child is covered by ambulance cover if you do not have a health care card.

For further information about asthma management contact Asthma Victoria on (03) 9326 7088 or toll free number 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au or www.asthmafriendlyschools.org.au

The School Policy and Advisory Guide now states 'Asthma Spacers' are for single-person use only. To avoid infection transmission via mucus spacers and masks must only be used by the one person. They should be:

- stored in a dustproof container. Spacers should not be stored in a plastic bag as this can cause static inside the spacer
- cleaned once a month by the student/parent/carer

In line with these regulations families with children affected by Asthma are required to provide a named spacer to school for their child to use or they can be purchased from the school \$8 ea. The spacers will be kept in sick bay and can be accessed by children as required, Ventolin will be provided by the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.