

ASTHMA POLICY

Asthma Policy Statement:

At Rainbow Corner we recognise that Asthma can affect around 10% of all children. That it can be a serious illness but can be controlled with appropriate medication and need not affect the activities with which the children can participate. Our staff receive training in how to recognise and deal with this condition and to administer the necessary treatment. We work closely with the parents to keep abreast of any developments in the condition.

Nursery Asthma Policy:

Any child with Asthma is welcome in this setting
On registration parents are asked to complete a comprehensive registration form which asks specifically about any medical needs or routines.
Liaison and support are given to the parent if they have any special requirements regarding asthma.
Parents give permission for asthma pumps and the dosage to be administered. This documentation includes any particular triggers to be aware of and the exact procedure to follow in the case of an asthma attack.
All inhalers are labelled and kept on a high shelf within each child's main classroom with easy staff access in case of immediate need.
We refer to our medicine policies.
Parents are responsible for checking the inhaler expiry date.
The nursery does all it can to ensure an environment which is favourable to children with asthma.
We have a no smoking policy and endeavour to keep the setting clear of damp and mould. We avoid using aerosols or cleaning fluid in the presence of children.
Inhalers are taken out on trips or excursions.

Procedure in the event of an attack:

Locate and use the inhaler immediately.
Stay calm and reassure the child.
Encourage child to sit in 'w' position (upper back against wall, knees up, feet firmly on the ground)
Loosen any tight clothing
Call the parent at the onset of an attack.
Move other children away from the area.
Make the child comfortable.
Use the inhaler as directed by the parent.
If the child's respiration rate returns to normal continue to observe and inform parents.
If the child becomes more distressed give two more puffs as directed and call an ambulance. State clearly - Asthma Attack.
Stay with the child, using the routine of one puff to every five breaths. Continue until the condition improves or help arrives.

Try to keep a note of the time of the attack and the number of puffs of the inhaler given prior to the help arriving.
Any medication given is always recorded in the medicine record.

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