WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

USE OF EMERGENCY INHALER POLICY

Introduction:

From 1st October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to buy salbutamol inhalers, without a prescription, for use in emergencies.

The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children, for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.

Procedure:

- The inhaler should only be used on pupils who have a diagnosis of Asthma
- The school must have signed consent from the parents (*Please see list attached*)
- It should only be used if the child does not have their own inhaler in school or it is lost or broken
- A letter must be sent home to advise parents that they were administered the emergency inhaler (*see enclosed*)
- A record must be kept of who received dosage from emergency inhaler (*form enclosed*)
- The Spacer and Inhaler should be washed and dried thoroughly before being returned to the medical cabinet
- Only trained first aid staff should administer inhalers
- When inhaler is empty, please notify E Douse to arrange replacement
- Emergency Inhaler kit should be taken on all school visits

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