



Como Primary School

Asthma Policy

Aim

All children at Como Primary School who are known to have asthma are supported via Asthma Friendly procedures and all children, staff and visitors can access Asthma First Aid in an emergency.

Policy commitment

We are committed to being an Asthma Friendly service as outlined by Asthma Australia. This means:

- The majority of staff have current training in Asthma First Aid and routine management, conducted or approved by the Asthma Foundation. At least one staff member on duty at any time holds a current certificate for ACECQA* approved competency assessed Emergency Asthma Management training.
- Asthma Emergency Kits are accessible to staff and include in-date reliever medication, single person use spacers with masks for under 5 year olds.
- Asthma First Aid posters are on display and information is available for staff and parents.
- Policies are Asthma Friendly.

Roles and responsibilities

Children:

Are supported to self-manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development: we explain asthma and asthma care to the children and provide care.

Parents/carers:

- Provide an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor
- Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied
- Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management.

Staff:

- Document any asthma attack **and** advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
- Have access to a spacer and medication plans for each child
- Asthma plan's for each child are clearly labelled
- Review documentation regularly to ensure compliance with procedures
- Minimise exposure to known triggers.

Management

- Meet requirements under the National Law and Regulations Ensure at least one staff member on duty at any time has current competency assessed Emergency Asthma Certificate.
- Provide an appropriate number of first aid kits.
- Have a plan and risk manage children's health care needs.
- Have safe medication management in place.
- Maintain a central record of children's health care needs, including asthma, and review regularly.
- Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff.
- Review policies and practices.
- This policy will be reviewed annually and earlier should a need arise to do so.