Asthma Management

Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, to the extent that if there is a student at your school who suffers from asthma it is advisable to have clear guidelines to manage the condition while the student is at school.

Conditions of compliance:

Every student with asthma attending your school should have a written Asthma Action Plan.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

A student's Asthma Action Plan should be completed by the student’s doctor, in consultation with the student’s parent/carer. The plan should be easily accessible to all staff and updated annually or when the student's asthma changes significantly.

It is recommended that the school identify which students have asthma at the beginning of the year and send a copy of the School Asthma Action Plan to each of those students' parents/guardians for completion.

School Camp Asthma Action Plan

There are special considerations in caring for a student with asthma while on school camp and so a separate Asthma Action Plan has been designed to include some of these considerations.

The School Camp Asthma Action Plan should be sent home a few weeks before the camp so that the parent/carer and student’s doctor can complete it.

School Camp Asthma Action Plan - Medical Update

This form should be completed prior to departure for camp and handed to the staff member in charge. This form will ensure that staff have the most up to date medical information about the student and their asthma.

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

The health of students may be put at risk, or you may be in breach of your duty of care or Equal Opportunity Legislation. There is also the possibility of litigation in the event of a serious incident.

Useful links:

DECD A-Z Index: Health Support