POLICY: ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Rationale

Asthma is a condition that affects 25% of primary school children. With that premise it is essential that there is awareness of and understanding amongst school personnel of the systems and triggers and most importantly the management of asthma in the school environment.

2. Aims

2.1 To raise awareness amongst school personnel of the symptoms and triggers of asthma.
2.2 To ensure that all children presenting with asthma have been provided with a clear, precise and documented management plan.

3. Implementation

3.1 For parent/guardian to inform the school at the time of enrolment or onset of asthma the severity of the child’s asthma.
3.2 For the parent/guardian to complete school documentation on the school asthma management plan.
3.3 For the parent/guardian to provide the child with the appropriate asthma medication.
3.4 For the parent/guardian to ensure that the child carries and knows how to use the medication.
3.5 The school to provide in its ‘sick-bay’ a nebuliser pump, hand-held reliever inhaler devices (Ventolin) and a spacer device.
3.6 For the school to ensure that there are personnel to assist children who present with symptoms of asthma.
3.7 For the school to ensure through regular communication that asthmatic children have a current management plan.
3.8 Children attending sport class in school or sporting activities away from school, should carry their own Asthma reliever medication (Ventolin) with them.
3.9 Children who attend excursions should carry their own Asthma reliever medication (Ventolin) with them.
3.10 Teacher/First Aider to take first aid kit to all excursions and school based carnivals (Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country) which contains a blue reliever medication (Ventolin), a spacer device and instructions on how to use.
3.11 For the school to provide expertise inservice to staff in asthma education.

4. Evaluation

To be evaluated annually.