

ASTHMA POLICY

1. RATIONALE :

Courtenay Gardens Primary School is committed to providing effective care and management of students and staff in situations of asthma related illness.

2. AIMS :

- 2.1 To provide quality care and first aid to children suffering from asthma.
- 2.2 All staff to be aware of the procedures for management of children suffering from asthma.
- 2.3 All staff to be aware of the location of asthma equipment and its correct use.

3. IMPLEMENTATION :

- 3.1 The first aid co-ordinator will be responsible for :
 - a. The first aid action plan to cope with students and staff who suffer from asthma.
 - b. The supply and maintenance of equipment to treat asthmatics.
 - c. The regular evaluation of the incidence of asthma illnesses.
 - d. Maintenance and updating of the emergency care noticeboard.
 - e. Staff professional development.
- 3.2 The first aid procedures will be implemented in accordance with DET policy and guidelines.
- 3.3 Visiting consultants will be invited to in-service on a needs basis. Teachers shall be encouraged to gain and update their first aid qualifications as part of the school professional development plan.
- 3.4 An action plan to manage asthma cases will identify personnel and their role in the event of an emergency situation.
- 3.5 The asthma policy will support the first aid policy.
- 3.6 All first aid supplies and equipment will be stored in the first aid room.

4. EVALUATION :

All asthma related incidents will be recorded in the accident register. Parents will be informed of any asthma related illness. Each term an analysis will be conducted by the First Aid Co-ordinator to determine any emerging trends.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.