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Dear Parents

### **Why are we writing to parents of children who have asthma?**

I am pleased to advise you that this school takes its responsibilities for pupils with asthma very seriously.

As part of accepted good practice, we are now asking all parents of pupils with asthma to help us to complete a school Asthma Record for their child. The record will help school staff to ensure that pupils with asthma receive the best possible treatment at all times.

### **What will happen in school if your child has an asthma attack?**

The record will give details of your child's current treatment and what steps to take if an asthma attack happens at school. In case of asthma emergencies, the school keeps a spacer for use with your child's metered dose inhaler - providing it fits. (If unsure whether or not your child's inhaler is compatible please ask your asthma or school nurse.)

### **What are we asking you to do?**

Please fill in your child's details on the asthma record form. You may like to ask your doctor or asthma nurse to help you with this. It is also advisable to ask your pharmacist to *label your child's inhaler*, not just the box which it comes in and ask your doctor (GP) to provide a metered dose inhaler compatible with the spacer for emergency use, if you do not already have one.

### **What will happen every year?**

You will be asked to update the record yearly, but please inform the school in writing if treatment is changed before this time so that the record can be updated.

I look forward to receiving the completed record. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter. Please return your completed form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*Cara Fahy*

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Head Teacher