Asthma first aid

Purpose
All students and staff at the school who are known to have asthma are supported by first aid procedures with an asthma action care plan.

Guidelines
• All staff will be trained in asthma first aid
• Asthma Emergency Kits (AEKs) are accessible to staff

Students
• Are supported to self-manage their asthma in line with their age and stage of development

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 first aid staff to any changes in their child’s asthma management

Staff
• Document any asthma concerns or attack and advise parents/carers as a matter of priority
• Review asthma management plans following any asthma attacks
• Minimise exposure to known triggers
• Follow Asthma First Aid Procedures (attached)

Management
• Meet all legal, regulatory and policy requirements related to health care planning and asthma management within the service
• Maintain a central record of students health care needs
• Induct new staff in asthma policies and procedures including asthma training and information for all staff

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed every year, or more frequently as required, and will incorporate any mandated updates that may be issued.

Supporting Documentation
• DET Schools Policy and Advisory Guide
• First Aid Policy
• Asthma First Aid Flow Chart (attached)
• Asthma Action Care Plan