

Asthma Policy for Redwood SEN School – Updated September 2025

1. Policy Statement

Redwood is committed to ensuring that all learners with asthma are supported to access the full curriculum and school life. We recognise asthma as a serious but manageable condition and aim to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all learners.

2. Legal Framework

This policy is informed by the Children and Families Act 2014, Equality Act 2010, Supporting Learners with Medical Conditions at School (DfE), Guidance on the Use of Emergency Salbutamol Inhalers in Schools (DHSC), London Asthma Friendly Schools Guide, and Asthma UK guidance for children with learning disabilities.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

School Leadership: Ensure the policy is implemented and reviewed annually. Appoint an Asthma Lead/Champion. Maintain an Asthma Register.

Staff: Attend annual asthma training. Know which learners have asthma. Ensure learners have access to inhalers.

Parents/Carers: Provide a current Asthma Action Plan. Supply a named inhaler and spacer. Inform the school of changes.

Learners: Encouraged to manage their asthma with support tailored to their needs.

4. Care Plans

All learners with asthma will have a Care Plan developed with parents, healthcare professionals, and school lead. Plans include medication, triggers, and emergency procedures, and are reviewed annually.

5. Emergency Inhalers

The school will hold emergency salbutamol inhalers for learners with written parental consent. Inhalers are checked monthly and stored securely but accessibly.

6. Asthma Attacks

Staff will follow emergency protocol: Help the learner take their inhaler, sit them upright, call 999 if symptoms persist, and inform parents.

7. Inclusion and Accessibility

Learners with asthma will not be excluded from activities. Reasonable adjustments will be made. Visual supports and social stories may be used.

8. Training

All staff will receive annual asthma awareness training, including support for SEN learners and use of inhalers.

9. Monitoring and Review

The policy is reviewed annually.