

West Yorkshire Asthma Friendly Schools

West Yorkshire Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative aims to improve the care of pupils with asthma by raising awareness regarding this common long-term medical condition and providing information, training and support for pupils, parents/carers and school staff.

Colleagues in primary care have been working with schools across West Yorkshire with the aim of providing information and up to date training that will help to support children and young people with asthma in school settings.

Working in collaboration colleagues have brought together **one** pack of documents and training materials for schools to use. [To explain more about the Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative here is Dr Katherine Hickman, GP, and Respiratory Lead.](#)

As Dr Hickman has explained in the video there are several supporting documents for schools to use and these include:

- Asthma and anaphylaxis awareness training
- A draft asthma policy
- An example of 'my asthma plan' from Asthma UK
- A school action plan
- An asthma consent form – emergency use of salbutamol
- Symptoms of an asthma attack

The Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative would like schools to be able to achieve the following key objectives:

- All staff in school to be trained in asthma awareness
- Each school to have an asthma policy
- Each school to have an asthma register
- Parents/carers to be encouraged to share their child's management plan
- A consistent approach to where and how inhalers are stored in school
- A notification system of when inhalers are due to expire
- Each school to have a spare emergency inhaler and spacer
- A process in place when to escalate cases to a health professional

If you would like to hear more about becoming an 'asthma friendly school' please visit <https://www.wypartnership.co.uk/our-priorities/children-young-people-and-families/asthma-friendly-schools> or email us wakccg.healthiertogether@nhs.net and we will connect you with a health professional in your area, who will guide you through the asthma friendly schools pack.

Once your school has achieved the key objectives above you will be presented with our **Asthma Friendly Schools Certificate.**