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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that from January 2015, in response to new government legislation, schools will hold an emergency asthma pack, containing a Salbutamol inhaler and spacer, for use in the event of any asthmatic child requiring emergency medication who does not have access to their own prescribed inhaler.

All schools are offered annual asthma training by the School Nursing Team to support them in prevention, recognition and appropriate treatment of this condition.

In order for the emergency inhaler to be used for your child, it is a requirement that school staff have:

- Evidence of their diagnosis, this could be in the form of a copy of the prescription, or a label from the box with the child's name and medication printed on it.
Please could you ensure that this is provided as soon as possible.
- Parental consent: If you DO NOT wish the emergency medication to be used for your child when required in the event of their own medication not being available, please let the school know within the next 2 weeks.

The pack is available for use on the school site only, and it is essential that you provide your child with an in date inhaler and a spacer to be kept in school, which can then be taken off site with them in the event of a school outing/trip to meet your child's health needs.

Yours Sincerely

School Nurse