Ref: ATN

26th January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

**Emergency inhalers in school**

From 1st October, the Department of Health have made amendments to the Human Medicines Regulations which will allow schools to keep salbutamol inhalers for use in an emergency, and it is on our school records that your child has been diagnosed with asthma.

The use of emergency inhalers is not a statutory requirement for schools but we believe that keeping an inhaler for emergency use will have many benefits. This could prevent an unnecessary trip to hospital for a child and give parents/carers a greater peace of mind about sending their child to school.

**The emergency salbutamol inhaler can only be used by**

1. **children for whom we have written parental/carer consent**
2. **children who have been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler/or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.**

It is the parents/carer’s responsibility to ensure that their child has their inhaler on them at all times, but in the case of an emergency e.g. it is broken or empty, the emergency inhaler can be used.

If you wish your child to have access to the schools emergency inhaler, can you please complete the enclosed consent form and return this to the school office **as soon as possible**.

If you require further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs A Tissington**

**Senior First Aider/Administration Assistant**

Enc : Consent form for use of emergency Salbutamol Inhaler

**CONSENT FORM FOR USE OF EMERGENCY SALBUTAMOL INHALER**

**Saddleworth School**

1. I can confirm that my child has been diagnosed with asthma / has been prescribed an inhaler [delete as appropriate].

2. My child has a working, in-date inhaler, clearly labelled with their name, which they will bring with them to school every day.

3. In the event of my child displaying symptoms of asthma, and if their inhaler is not available or is unusable, I consent for my child to receive salbutamol from an emergency inhaler held by the school for such emergencies.

**Name (print)**…………………………………………………………………………………………

**Signed**: ………………………………………………

**Date:** ………………………………………………

**Child’s name:** ………………………………………………

**Class:** ………………………………………………

**Parent’s/Carer’s address and contact details:**

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**Telephone:** ………………………………………………

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