



Ascot Vale Primary School

No: 2608



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Re: Student Asthma Action Plans.

Our school takes its responsibilities to students with asthma very seriously. Asthma is a condition that can be serious and may require emergency treatment while at school. It is important therefore, to have up to date information about the management of your child's asthma.

Asthma Australia and Asthma Victoria, in consultation with the Department of Education, Catholic Schools and Independent Schools, have developed children's service and school specific Asthma Action Plans. This is to meet the needs of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 and the Schools Policy Advisory Guide. These plans are designed to complement the child's Asthma Management Plan, whether it be the National Asthma Council's Asthma Action Plan, or Asthma Australia's Asthma Care Plan in an Education and Care Setting.

The Victoria Asthma Action Plans have been developed to assist staff members identify the students' asthma signs and symptoms including their severity and what action needs to be taken in regards to administering the child's asthma reliever medication.

We request you complete (in consultation with and signed by your child's Medical Practitioner) an Action Plan now. It's important to note that there are different types of action plans. See <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/vic/about-asthma/resources/victorian-action-plans/victorian-asthma-action-plans> Your doctor will provide you with the appropriate one.

If there is no Asthma Action Plan provided by you to us, for your child's asthma management, the school staff will use the standard Asthma First Aid Plan as detailed in the Victorian Schools Asthma Policy if your child has been known to have asthma or is having difficulty breathing.

The school also reserves the right to call an ambulance for any child they consider to be having an asthma attack or if a child is having difficulty breathing. Please ensure your child is covered by ambulance cover if you do not have a health care card. For further information about asthma management contact Asthma Australia on 1800 ASTHMA (278462) or visit <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/vic/home>

Please help us to responsibly care for your child while at school

If you have any queries regarding this please don't hesitate to contact me.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Downing Assistant Principal

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