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Parent/Carer Consent for Student's Use/Possession of Medication - Inhaler

Dear Parent/Carer

In order for the Elizabethan to provide the best care for your child, please would you complete the attached Medication permission slip. This must be returned prior to student possession or use of an inhaler at school. If any changes occur during the school year, please notify the school immediately.

OPTION 1: A spare inhaler is kept in the school health room. The student comes to the health room whenever he/she feels it is needed. The advantage to this option is that the use of the inhaler will be supervised and records will be kept as to the frequency of use. A number of students keep inhalers in the health room and come before PE classes, breaks or as needed. **All medications brought to school must be in their original containers with a current prescription label attached and with a signed medication permission form, indicating the child's name, dose and frequency, available from school. This form can be found on the school website.**

OPTION 2: The student carries the inhaler and uses it before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms or to alleviate asthmatic symptoms. This option is only available to students who have provided this form and the medication permission form, both signed by the student's parent/carers. The advantage of this option is that the inhaler is immediately accessible. It is also recommended that a spare inhaler be kept in the health room should one run out or be forgotten. Students who carry asthma inhalers are expected to abide by the following rules:

1. They should never share the inhaler with another person.
2. They should go to the health room immediately if there is not a marked improvement in their symptoms after using the inhaler as prescribed.

Students who use peak flow meters or nebulizers may store this equipment in the health room. Appropriate instructions for use of any equipment should be provided by the student's parent/carers.

IN ADDITION: Students can forget or lose their inhalers and the Elizabethan has updated its asthma policy after the Government changed their guidelines allowing the school to administer an asthma inhaler in an emergency. To access this the student must be on the asthma register and have prior permission. Please sign below if you would like your child to access this potentially lifesaving option. You will be contacted if this happens.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Steed
Student Health Co-ordinator

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Please complete the Medication Permission Slip and return to Mrs Steed in First Aid

Student use of medication – Inhaler

Student name **Form**

Please select and tick an option:

- Option 1 as described above for my child.

- Option 2 as described above for my child. I give permission for my child to carry and use the asthma inhaler described below at school. I believe he/she is knowledgeable about the correct use of the inhaler and I have discussed the rules described above with him/her. I will notify the school of changes in medication or my child's condition. Staff members can be informed about my child's condition in order for my child to receive appropriate care.

Name of Medication

Dose **Frequency**

I/We agree for my child..... to go on the Elizabethan Academy's asthma register and give permission for them to have a Salbutamol inhaler in an emergency.

Name..... Signed..... Date.....