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Dear Parents / Carers,

From 1st October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to buy salbutamol inhalers, without a prescription, for use in emergencies. The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children, for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication.

The inhaler can be used if the pupil's prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, because it is broken, or empty).

Keeping an inhaler for emergency use will have many benefits. It could prevent an unnecessary and traumatic trip to hospital for a child, and potentially save their life. Parents are likely to have greater peace of mind about sending their child to school.

We have decided to purchase a school inhaler for use in emergencies and therefore ask that you complete the consent form on the reverse of this letter, if you are happy to do so.

Teaching Staff are all fully trained in First Aid and further guidance can be found on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathy Little













