

Friday 13th September

Dear Parents/carers,

The Nottinghamshire health care team have been working alongside several selected primary school settings to develop, embed and pilot the Beat Asthma Friendly Schools (BAFS) Accreditation Programme. The overall aim of the programme is to enable school settings in Nottinghamshire to improve asthma care in the community to improve the experiences and outcomes for Children and Young People with asthma or suspected asthma. This would be achieved through the development of a framework for accreditation, as well as resources to support implementation.

The Asthma Friendly Schools award helps to:

Improve asthma awareness and management in the school.

Improve support to students with asthma encouraging an inclusive environment.

Support responsibilities for the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Ensure the school is implementing current and best practice asthma management strategies.

Enable the school to promote its self-evaluated status to ensure that the community is aware of the school's commitment to Asthma Friendly strategies.

To be recognised as an Asthma Friendly School, each school must address a set of criteria that establishes an Asthma Friendly environment and meets current legislation from the Department of Health and Department for Education guidelines.

As many of our children have an asthma diagnosis or suffer from suspected asthma symptoms which can impact attendance, we are eager to work in partnership with health care teams across the locality to achieve the award.

As part of the accreditation a team of asthma nurses will be visiting school on **Thursday 19th September** to deliver a range of services, including assemblies for F2, KS1 & KS2 children, staff training and a parent/carer drop-in session.

If you have a child with an asthma diagnosis or may be experiencing asthma symptoms, you are welcome to attend the informal drop-in session, which will be delivered by trained nurses from the local NHS health care team. The session aims to provide parents/carers with asthma related information and tutorials on how to use inhalers and spacers correctly.

The drop-in session will be held on **Thursday 19th September from 12pm – 1pm**. Please report to the main school office, where a member of staff will direct you to the session. More information overleaf.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S Townsend
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



ATTENTION PARENTS/CARERS!!

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