

Become an Asthma Friendly School

Asthma is the most common long-term medical condition in children. In the UK, 1 in 11 children live with this potentially life-threatening condition.

Schools have a clear duty under legislation to keep children with asthma safe in their care and ensure they can fully take part in school life.

What is an Asthma Friendly School?

An Asthma Friendly School meets this duty of care while giving families confidence that their child will be safe, supported, and fully included.

By working towards Asthma Friendly School accreditation, your school will:

- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for pupils with asthma
- Demonstrate best practice in asthma management
- Show your community your commitment to children's health and wellbeing

How to Achieve Accreditation

To be recognised as an Asthma Friendly School, your school must meet the following key criteria in line with current legislation from the Department for Education and Department of Health guidelines:

- Has an asthma policy or includes asthma in its medications policy that are aligned with the advisory policy guidance provided by Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board
- Appoint a named asthma lead/champion on staff
- Keep an up-to-date asthma register
- Ensure staff complete baseline asthma training and annual updates ([Children and Young People Asthma Tier 1 e-learning](#))
- Make sure staff can recognise an asthma attack and know how to respond
- Ensure children have easy access to their inhalers at all times
- Provide a school emergency inhaler and spacer device (within legislation) OR safely store a spare inhaler for each child

Benefits of Becoming an Asthma Friendly School

- Improves awareness and asthma management across school
- Creates a more inclusive and supportive environment for pupils
- Fulfils responsibilities for pupil and staff health and safety
- Implements best practice strategies in asthma care
- Demonstrates your school's commitment to pupil wellbeing with recognised accreditation

Drop-in Support Sessions

Have questions or want to learn more? Join one of our online sessions with the Children and Young People Asthma Team. Sessions are as follows:

- Wednesday 16 September 3.30 pm [Join here](#)
- Tuesday 22 September 3.30 pm [Join here](#)
- Monday 28 September 3.30 pm [Join here](#)
- Wednesday 14 October 3.30 pm [Join here](#)



How to Apply

Applying is simple.

- Complete a self-assessment form by scanning the QR code.
- Once reviewed, your school will receive a certificate within 28 days.
- Accreditation lasts for two years.

We encourage every school to apply - the process is straightforward and ensures your pupils are better protected.

