**Asthma Policy**

Branston Little Pickles Pre-School recognises that Asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition that can affect children. We positively welcome all children with Asthma and encourage them to achieve their potential in all aspects of our Pre-School day by having a clear Policy that is understood by all staff and their employers (the Trustees).

**Key Methods**

* When children with Asthma are registered at the Pre-School staff will receive appropriate Asthma training which will then be regularly updated. We will help a child with their medicine and follow the guidance received through Asthma training and individual care plans completed with the child’s parent/carer.
* Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. The reliever inhalers of children are kept in the Pre-School classroom on a high ledge that is clearly visible and identifiable by an Asthma poster. Inhalers can therefore be requested by the child readily and immediately from staff when needed whilst still remaining at a safe distance from other children.
* Pre-School staff will inform parents or carers if their child has had an Asthma attack or if their child is using more reliever inhaler than they usually would and will complete the necessary medicines administration documentation.
* Parents or carers are asked to provide staff with a spare inhaler in case of emergency, and that all inhalers must be labelled with the child’s name. Parents/carers also have a responsibility to ensure that the Pre-School has up-to-date information on their child including any changes to their child’s Asthma or medication.
* Relevant inhalers will be carried by the manager on outings.
* The Health and Safety lead checks with parents to ensure that there is enough reliever medicine in the child’s inhaler.

This policy has been adopted by Little Pickles Pre School

Signed on behalf of the setting by:

Holly Murphy (Chairperson) Date: February 2023

Jodie Cook (Manager)

Review Date: February 2024