



Looking After the School Emergency Asthma & Allergy Kit



STORAGE & ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ Keep the emergency kit in a **safe, central location** (e.g. reception, school office or staff room).
- ✓ Ensure the kit is **easily accessible** at all times and known to all staff.
- ✓ **Do not** store in a locked cupboard or room.
- ✓ Store **out of reach** of young children.
- ✓ Keep at **room temperature**, away from direct sunlight, and do not refrigerate.



MONTHLY SAFETY CHECKS

Check that:

- Inhalers, spacers and adrenaline auto-injectors are present and in **good condition**.
- Inhalers contain **sufficient doses**.
- Medicines have at least **3 months** remaining before expiry to allow time for replacement.

EMERGENCY SALBUTAMOL INHALER & SPACER



Emergency
Salbutamol Inhaler



Spacer Device



BEFORE USE

If using a new inhaler, or one that has not been used for 2 weeks or more, prime it by shaking and releasing **2 puffs** into the air.



AFTER USE

- 1 Inform the parent/carer that the emergency inhaler has been used.
- 2 If the inhaler has not been contaminated by bodily fluids, it may be reused.
- 3 Remove the metal canister and wash the plastic casing in warm soapy water.
- 4 Allow to air dry completely before reassembly.
- 5 Replace single-use disposable spacers after use.
- 6 Return empty inhalers to a pharmacy for recycling or safe disposal.

EMERGENCY AUTO-INJECTOR PENS (Adrenaline)



1 In anaphylaxis, follow the child's Allergy Plan.



2 Only use auto-injector pens on children who have an allergy plan.



3 Dispose of used injector pens in a yellow sharps bin.



4 Ambulance crew should be able to dispose.



5 Give out of date pens to families to take to their GP/hospital appointment to dispose.



6 Out of date pens can also be taken to the CCNT office, The Bridge at Mile End Hospital.



7 Your out of date pen can be used for demonstration and practice using an auto-injector training device.



Always follow the individual child's Asthma or Allergy Plan.

If in doubt, seek advice from your school nurse or healthcare professional.