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My Asthma Plan

Your asthma plan tells you when to take your asthma medicines. And what to do when your asthma gets worse.



Name:

1 My daily asthma medicines

- My preventer inhaler is called ______
 and its colour is ______
- I take _____ puff/s of my preventer inhaler in the morning and _____ puff/s at night. I do this every day even if I feel well.
- Other asthma medicines I take every day:
- My best peak flow is _____



2 When my asthma gets worse

I'll know my asthma is getting worse if:

- I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe, or
- I'm waking up at night because of my asthma, or
- I'm taking my reliever inhaler (usually blue) more than three times a week, or
- My peak flow is less than _____

If my asthma gets worse, I should:

Keep taking my preventer medicines as normal.

And also take _____ puff/s of my blue reliever inhaler every four hours.



If I'm not getting any better doing this I should see my doctor or asthma nurse today.



Remember to use my inhaler with a spacer (if I have one)



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3 When I have an asthma attack

I'm having an asthma attack if:

- My blue reliever inhaler isn't helping, or
- I can't talk or walk easily, or
- I'm breathing hard and fast, or
- I'm coughing or wheezing a lot, or
- My peak flow is less than _____

When I have an asthma attack, I should:

Sit up - don't lie down. Try to be calm.

Take one puff of my reliever inhaler **every 30 to 60 seconds** up to a total of 10 puffs.



Parents – get the most from your child's action plan

Make it easy for you and your family to find it when you need it

- Take a photo and keep it on your mobile (and your child's mobile if they have one)
- Stick a copy on your fridge door
- Share your child's action plan with school, grandparents and babysitter (a printout or a photo).

My asthma triggers:

Write down things that make your asthma worse

I need to see my asthma nurse every six months

Date I got my asthma plan:

Date of my next asthma review:

Doctor/asthma nurse contact details:

Make sure you have your reliever inhaler (usually blue) with you. You might need it if you come into contact with things that make your asthma worse.

You and your parents can get your questions answered:

Call our friendly expert nurses **0300 222 5800** (9am - 5pm; Mon - Fri)

Get information, tips and ideas www.asthma.org.uk