



# Back to school asthma checklist

**Asthma**  
Australia



## 1. ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

See a doctor for a signed Asthma Action Plan or Care Plan. Most schools require an up-to-date plan for each student with asthma at the start of the new school year.

Evidence tells us that using an Asthma Action Plan can help to reduce hospitalisations, improve lung function and reduce the number of days off school.

While with the doctor, why not combine this with a check-up for your child's asthma, including a check on their device technique.

## 2. RELIEVER MEDICATION

Check with the school about their medication policy and work with the staff to find the best way to manage your child's asthma medication, including before physical activity (where applicable).

- **Medication and devices are clearly labelled with your child's name**
- **Medication is in date and with sufficient medication remaining**

## 3. TALK TO SCHOOL STAFF

Make time to talk with the class teacher and the school nurse (where applicable) about your child's asthma, their Asthma Plan and their usual triggers, symptoms and medication.

Also talk to your child's sport coaches and supervisors of other school activities. Don't forget to keep staff up-to-date with any change to your child's asthma management.

### Use this valuable time to:

- Go over your child's Asthma Plan
- Discuss the signs of asthma for your child
- Show them your child's asthma medication and demonstrate how to use it
- Talk about the extent to which your child can self-manage their asthma
- Provide details of how to contact you when:
  - They have asthma symptoms
  - They use a reliever medication at school

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