



ASTHMA

COMMON CHILDHOOD AILMENTS



SYMPTOMS

Asthma is a common lung condition that can create breathing difficulties. Symptoms include: a tight chest, wheezing, coughing and breathlessness.



INCUBATION

Asthma is not contagious.

TREATMENT

You may be prescribed an inhaler or medicine to help your symptoms. **Reliever inhalers** – usually blue, used as needed to quickly relieve asthma symptoms for a short period of time.

Preventer inhalers – a steroid medicine, taken every day to prevent asthma symptoms happening.



TOP TIPS

Asthma can sometimes get worse for a short time, this is known as an asthma attack.

Make sure caregivers/school/nursery are aware and have any medication or inhalers on site. Talk to them regularly, so they know what to look for and what to do.



FURTHER SUPPORT



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