Going Home with Wheeze or Asthma Plan



1st 24 hours after discharge

Reliever:
Give 10 puffs every 3-4 hours

Preventer:

Steroid tablets:

What if my child needs their reliever more often?

Give the reliever as often as you think it's

Give the reliever as often as you think it's needed AND get urgent medical advice

What do I do if my child is sleeping?

Do not wake them. If your child does wake during the night give the inhaler then

Days 2-3

Reliever:

Cut to 2-5 puffs every 4-6 hours

Preventer: Give agreed dose

Steroid tablets:

How will I know if my child is improving?

Breathing will be quieter, slower & easier

Less cough & wheeze
Eating, drinking & talking better

Can I cut down the number of puffs of the reliever?

Yes, as your child improves cut down the number of puffs and then increase the time between

If not getting better:

Reliever:

Keep giving 10 puffs every 3-4 hours

Preventer: Give agreed dose

Steroid tablets:

How will I know if my child is getting worse?

Faster breathing or too breathless to walk or play

Cannot talk or feed easily Skin colour may become pale or grey

What should I do if my child does not seem to be getting better?

Get medical advice

In the meantime, continue giving reliever as often as you think it's needed

Day 4

If fully recovered:

Reliever: Give 2 puffs as required

Preventer: Give agreed dose

Steroid tablets:

How do I know if my child is fully recovered?

Child will have no asthma or
wheeze symptoms

If not getting better:

Reliever:

Keep giving 10 puffs every 3-4 hours

Preventer: Give agreed dose

Steroid tablets:

What do I do if my child is not better by day 4?

Continue giving reliever as often as
you think it's needed
Get medical advice

Child's name: Doctor signature: Date: / /