**My Wheeze Care Plan**

**(Under 5 Year Olds)**

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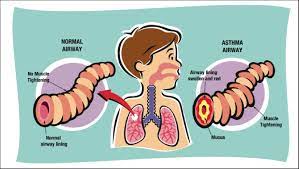
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**VIRAL-INDUCED WHEEZE** - If you only wheeze with a virus or cold but are well in between. Mostly children under the age of 6 Years old will be given this diagnosis.



**What to do next?**

If you have attended the EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED/A&E) following an episode of ASTHMA or VIRAL-INDUCED WHEEZE, you should make an appointment to see your General Practitioner (GP) within 2 working days for a review. British Thoracic Society/ Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (BTS/SIGN, 2019).

**Measuring your Peak Flow**

Your Asthma Nurse may ask you to measure your Peak Flow over time to show how controlled your asthma is. The Peak Flow meter measures how fast you can blow into the device. If you have any questions speak to your asthma team



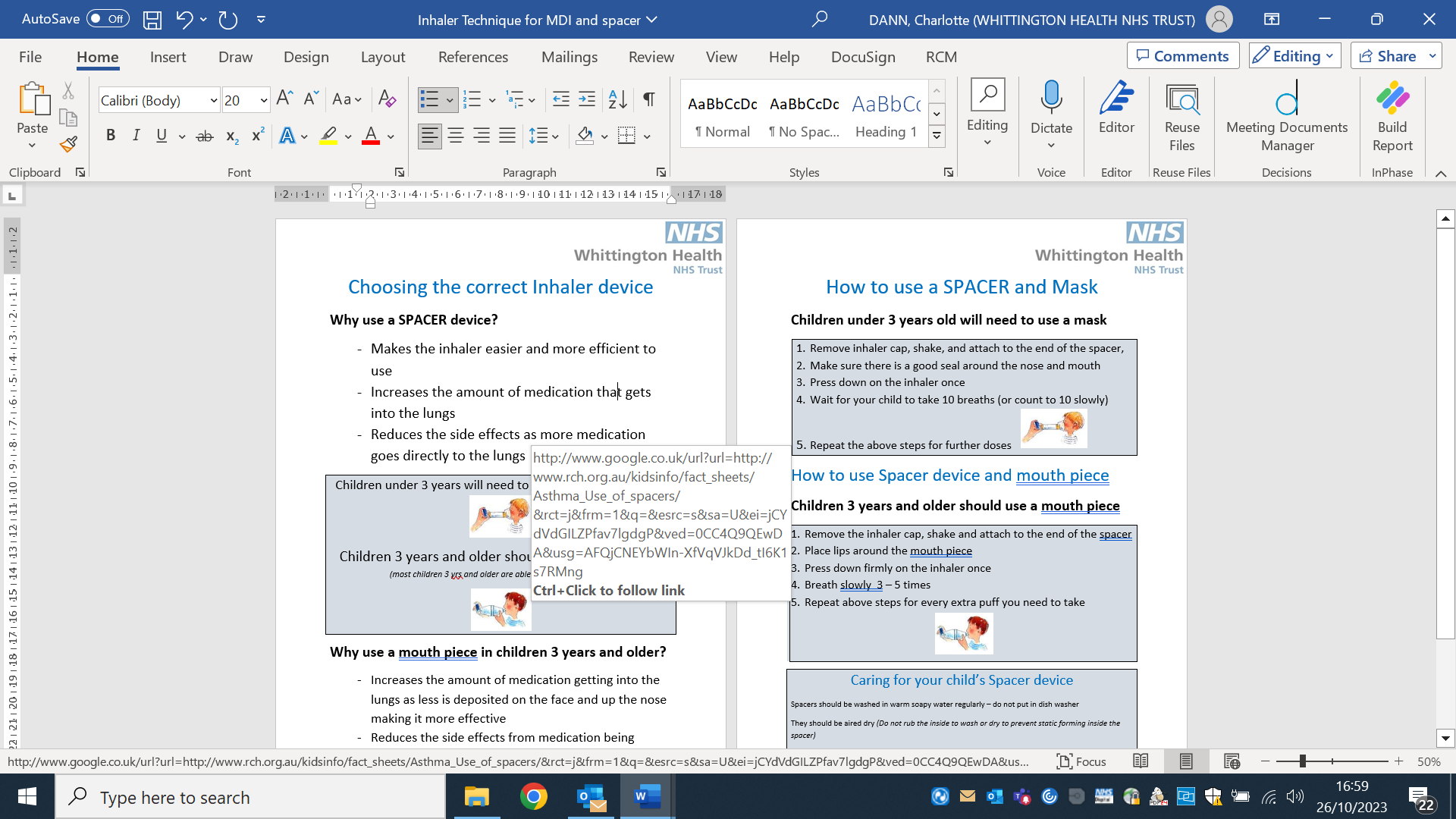
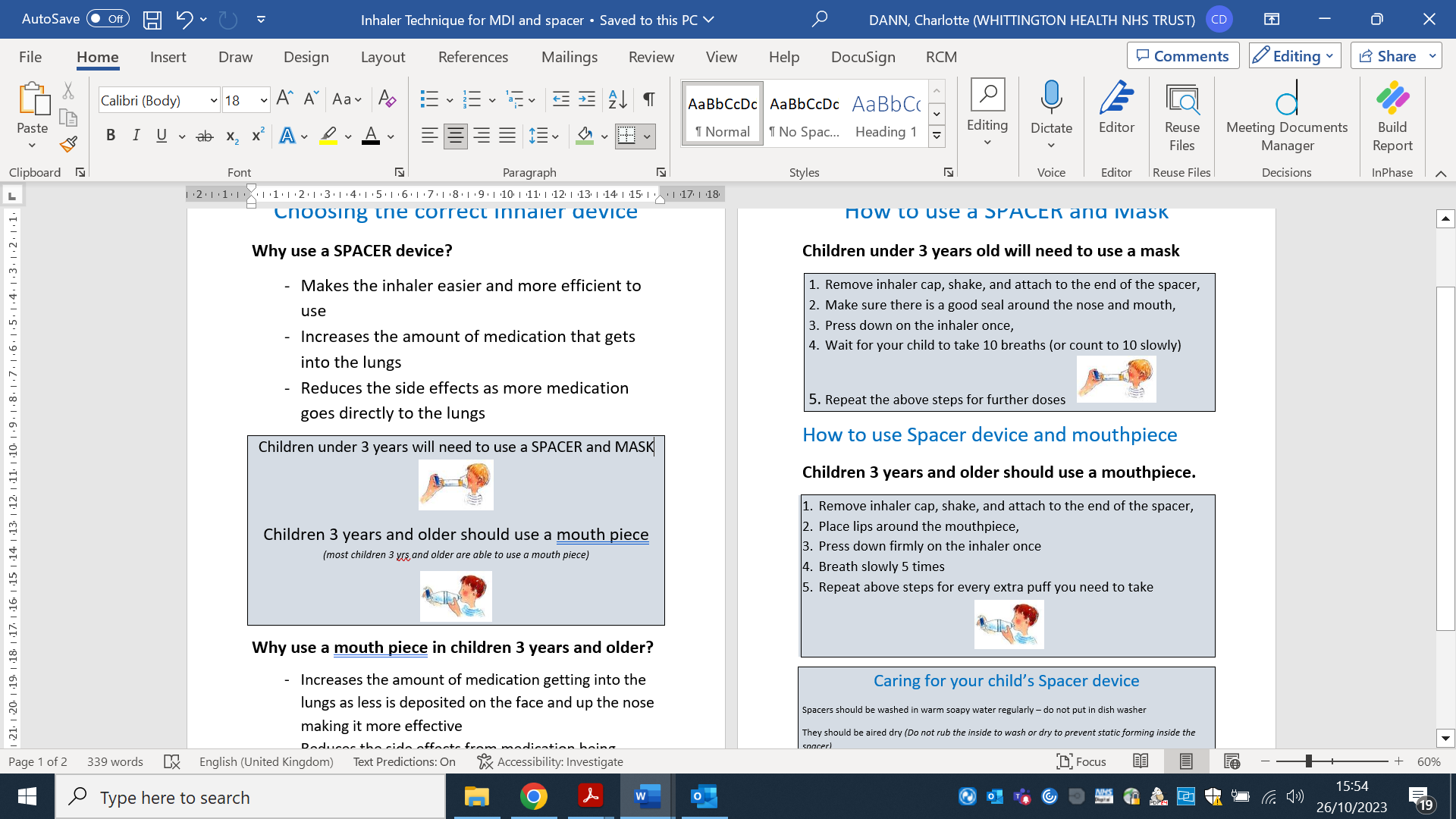
**What do my inhalers do?**

**Salbutamol** (**‘the blue inhaler’**) is a medication used to **relieve** the **symptoms** of asthma. It only helps once the symptoms of asthma are present, it **doesn’t stop them happening.**

**Preventor’** inhalers are prescribed for some children to **prevent** the **symptoms** of asthma. They generally contain a steroid.

Combination inhalers are usually red/ white (Symbicort) or purple (Seretide) and they contain an inhaled steroid and a long-acting reliever medication and are to be taken every day, as prescribed.





*Children over 5 years old should be using a mouthpiece spacer!*



Wheeze Plan: Information



How well controlled are the symptoms:



How to take your inhalers:

**I am having an attack when:**

* My reliever inhaler isn’t helping, or I need it more than every four hours, OR
* •I can’t talk, walk, or eat easily, OR
* •I’m finding it hard to breathe, OR
* •I’m coughing or wheezing a lot, or my chest is tight/hurts, OR
* •**My peak flow is less than 50% \_\_\_\_\_\_**

My PREVENTOR Medication is called: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I take \_\_\_\_ Puffs EVERY morning and \_\_\_\_ Puffs EVERY night. Its colour is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My RELIEVER Medication is called: **Salbutamol**, I can take **1-2 puff/s** of my reliever inhaler when I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it’s hard to breathe.

•My best peak flow is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Other Medications:**

**My Regular Medications:**

**Signs my symptoms are getting worse:**

* I am wheezy,
* My chest is hurting,
* I am finding it difficult to breathe ***OR***
* I am waking up at night because of my asthma ***OR***
* My peak flow is **less than 80%** \_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What do I need to do:**

1. Get help and stay with a grown up!
2. **Call 999 for an ambulance: if you do not have your RESCUE/ RELIEVER inhaler, or if it is not helping, or if you are worried at any time.**
3. Try to keep calm, sit up straight, and don’t lie down,
4. Take one puff of your RESCUE/ RELIEVER inhaler via the spacer every 30 to 60 seconds up to 10 puffs.
5. If the ambulance has not arrived after 10 minutes and your symptoms are not improving, repeat step 2,
6. If your symptoms are no better after repeating step 2, and the ambulance has still not arrived, contact 999 again immediately.



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**What Do I Need To Do When This Happens:**

* **Keep taking your regular medications,**
* Also, take UP TO 6 Puffs of your Salbutamol Every 4 Hours,
* See a doctor (E.G: A&E, walk in centre or GP) within 24 Hours if I do not feel better.

If you are needing your Salbutamol more than every 4 hours, you are having an **attack** and need to take emergency action now!