



Sickness and Medication policy

Policy

We want to promote a healthy environment for the children in our care and need the co-operation of all our parents to help us achieve this.

While **it is not our policy to care for sick children**, who should be at home until they are well enough to return to the setting, we will agree to administer medication as part of maintaining their health and well-being or when they are recovering from an illness.

In many cases, it is possible for children's GP's to prescribe medicine that can be taken at home in the morning and evening. As far as possible, administering medicines will only be done where it would be detrimental to the child's health if not given in the setting. If a child has not had a medication before including anti-biotics this must be in the original containers and in date, especially a baby/child under two, **it is a must** that the parent keeps the child at home for the first 48 hours to ensure no adverse effect as well as to give time for the medication to take effect.

Procedure

- We will not permit children who have had calpol/nurofen prior to attending their session and not being well enough to come in.
- Any child suffering from an unidentified rash, discharge from the eyes, diarrhoea, vomiting or a temperature of 38c or more should be kept at home until a Doctor has certified that the condition is non-infectious.
- If a child becomes ill at nursery every effort will be made to contact a parent or guardian. We will then agree the most appropriate action to take.
- The nursery managers reserve the right to take a child to Hospital in an emergency if they are unable to make immediate contact with a parent or guardian.
- Exclusion for sickness & Diarrhoea is 48 hours from the last bout, this is to prevent the bug from spreading.
- When enrolling with the nursery parents/guardians will be asked to sign a consent form authorising the administration of medicines.
- **Staff will only administer to children medicines prescribed by a Doctor following directions on the label.**

- Other personal care requirements such as Calpol or Barrier cream will only be administered following authorisation by a parent or guardian via phone call in an emergency if the child requires due to illness unless medically needed.
- All medicines should be clearly labelled and they will be held securely during the day.
- Any administration of medicines will be witnessed and recorded in the medication book.
- We do not permit children who arrive sleeping due to safety precautions this is to safeguard everyone.
- We will only administer medication for the purpose of its use i.e. Calpol for pain and fever relief.
- **The nursery managers reserve the right to exclude any child who in their opinion is not well enough to attend nursery.**

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