



Medicine and medication

Some children may require daily medication e.g. for asthma. It is important that staff are aware of a child's condition and any prescribed medication should be brought into nursery regularly. Children who require inhalers must have them with them at all times.

A full record of any medication given will be kept and parents/carers will be asked to sign to give their permission for staff to administer the medication. Parents/carers will also be asked to sign when informed that the medicine has been given. (see medicine form below) A new form is to be completed by parents each day to give consent for medication to be administered.

Only medicines prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist will be given to the child

Non prescribed medication e.g pain and fever relief or teething gel may be administered, but only with prior written consent of the parent, and only when there is a health reason to do so.

Staff will only administer non prescribed medication for a maximum of 3 consecutive days, if children are required to take the medication for a longer period, parents need to consult with their doctor.

If a child is taking antibiotics they should not attend nursery for the first 24 hours of the treatment. This is to give the child time to recover and the risk of cross infection to other children.

For nappy rashes only sudocream, Bepanthane and Vaseline will be administered by staff. If other cream needs to be used then this must be prescribed by the doctor.

Important Please Note

- All medication needs to be within an expiry date
- All medication to be clearly labelled, by a chemist with the child's name.
- All medication must be given to a staff member on your child's arrival to be locked away in the medicine cabinet. Staff must ensure that a record is kept of any medication that is stored. **MEDICINES MUST NOT BE LEFT IN CHILDREN'S BAGS.**
- All prescribed medication must be clearly labelled with child's name, dosage and any instructions
- Colic drops and gripe water will only be administered with written parental consent.
- All medicines needed to be kept refrigerated will be stored in a separate container.

- Any child that is on long term medication must bring their medication in at all times. Parents/carers must inform the nursery of any changes in their child/ren's medication.
- Should any medication require technical/medical knowledge, staff will receive training from a qualified health professional before they administer any medication.
- Paracetamol that has been prescribed by a doctor must be used within twelve months.

Parents are responsible for informing staff on their Childs induction of any known allergies their child has. It is vital that any medication is brought to nursery that your child may need.

Staff Medication

Any staff member who is taking regular medication due to illness, must inform the Nursery Manager where arrangements will be put in place to ensure the safety of the staff, and children.

- All staff medicines to be stored in the medicine cabinet
- Any staff member taking medication which they believe may affect their ability to care for the children should seek medical advice and only work directly with the children if that medication is unlikely to impair their ability to look after the children.

Any staff member taking antibiotics may continue working as normal if they feel well enough to do so.

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Consent forms

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Medicine Consent Form

I _____ give consent for my child _____ to be administered _____.

Amount to be administered _____

Date Prescribed: _____

Expiry date of Medication: _____

Date: _____

Time and dose Medicine last administered: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Medicine given	Time Administered	Dosage administered	Staff signature	Staff witnessed	Parent Signature