

Medication Policy

All issues relating to a child's health and welfare will be treated in confidence and with due respect to equality of access and opportunity.

Sick Child

- Should a child become poorly whilst at nursery, their symptoms will be monitored and recorded
- If the child exhibits a high temperature, parents will be contacted by telephone and advised of the situation. If permission is received, Calpol will be administered and a medication record completed (using the revised dosages, November 2011)
- If a child vomits, has diahorrea, or any other infectious condition, arrangements will be made for the child to be collected as quickly as possible
- Whilst waiting for collection, the child will be removed from the main body of the nursery and made comfortable. Symptoms will be regularly reviewed and recorded, a member of staff will remain with them until they are collected
- Following confirmed cases of infectious diseases in the setting, a notice to all parents/carers will be placed on the notice board, Blog and Facebook page
- It is important that parents keep us up to date with changes in contact information. The nursery will request an up-date of contact information every six months.

Administration of Medicine

The Nursery will only administer medications that have been prescribed by a doctor (with the exception of any appropriate Antibiotic eye drops which can be purchased over the counter and Calpol or a generic equivalent,) on parental request in writing through a medication slip. The nursery cannot be held liable for any reaction following the administration of medicine.

- Pain killers such as Calpol or another generic equivalent, will only be administered when necessary. This means when a child has a fever, following a procedure or following medical advice. The nursery will not administer these medications in the event of a parent "trying to prevent illness". This type of medication can have an effect on the child's long term health if not administered appropriately.
- The Nursery is unable to administer Neurofen, Calprofen or any other medication containing Ibuprofen without it being prescribed by a Doctor.

- Parents must provide the nursery with full dosage and administration information as well as a complete list of side effects. It is especially important to provide accurate details of previous doses.
- The administration of medicine will be recorded on a medication slip and stored for parents to counter-sign
- All medicine's brought into nursery must be in original containers clearly labelled with the child's name and the relevant information leaflet
- Medicines will be stored in the fridge where necessary, otherwise it will be stored in a place inaccessible to children
- A parent must demonstrate self-held medication with the child
- Where the administration of medication requires technical/medical knowledge, parent/carers must provide individual training for staff from a qualified health professional that is specific for the individual child.
- Parents must sign pre-consent forms for symptom based drugs such as Ventolin or EpiPens
- If a child requires regular symptom based drugs these must be on site with the child at all times. They must be signed in and out by the parent and carer and must be replaced when the expiry date is due.
- Skin creams, including sun cream and, should be applied at home. Where a child attends for a full day, cream will be re-applied at parental request. Creams are to be supplied clearly labelled with the child's name. Applications of these preparations will be made sensitively and with due respect to the child's privacy.

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