



Medication Policy.

Principle

We promote the good health of children attending nursery and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection (see sickness policy)

If a child requires medication we will obtain information about the child's needs and will ensure the information is kept upto date.

When dealing with medication of any kind strict guidelines will be followed.

Prescription Medication:

First time receiving the medication - All children who are prescribed medication from the doctor must be away from the Nursery for at least 24hours. This is to allow time to monitor your child's reaction to the medication and ensure no adverse side effects and ensure they are well enough to return.

Guidelines:

- Prescription medicine will only be given to the person named on the bottle and only for the dosage stated on the bottle.
- Medicines must be in their original containers
- Those with parental responsibility for any child requiring prescription medication should hand over the medication to the most appropriate member of staff who will then note the details of the administration on the appropriate form.
- Written permission is only acceptable for that brand name of medication. If the brand changes a new form must be completed.

Non-Prescriptive Medication.

We will not administer any medication that has not been prescribed for the child with the exception of paracetamol/Ibuprofen to reduce a temperature (please see administering Paracetamol/Ibuprofen) and non-prescriptive cream for skin conditions.

- Before accepting the medication from the parent the member of staff must check the label for details including dosage/dating and storage instructions. The nursery will not accept any medication that does not contain this information.
- For any non-prescriptive cream for skin conditions e.g. sudocream, E45 prior written permission will be obtained from the parent who will be required to provide the cream.
- The nursery reserve the right to refuse to administer non-prescriptive cream if we feel that it is not in the best interest of the child and will request that the parents/carers seek medical attention.

Administering of Paracetamol/Ibuprofen:

- On registration, parents will be asked to complete the medication consent for liquid paracetamol/Ibuprofen.
- If a child experiences a high temperature whilst at Nursery, staff will attempt to cool the child naturally and will continue to monitor their temperature.
- If staff cannot reduce the child's temperature they will contact the parents and inform them of their child condition.
- On parents' consent and completion of a "blanket cover" form via the Family App the staff will administer the liquid paracetamol/Ibuprofen.
- The dosage given will strictly be the dosage stated on the bottle.
- Staff will record any medication administered via the Family App.
- Staff will only administer **ONE** dose of liquid paracetamol/Ibuprofen during a session. If another dose is needed then the parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Liquid Paracetamol/Ibuprofen can mask the symptoms of the illness and when the effects wear off the child becomes ill again with symptoms. In these cases we felt that the child should not be at nursery as it is unfair on the child to be here when they need to be with their parent/carer instead of being in a busy noisy room where they cannot relax and receive the attention they require. It is also unfair to rest of the children if they're knowingly in contact with an illness or infection.

Teething:

We understand that Liquid paracetamol/ibuprofen is also used when a child is teething to help alleviate their pain. Therefore, for those children that are teething the above procedures apply, and **one** dose of paracetamol/ibuprofen will be administered during a session. But as above, if they are still distressed, the parent will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

The nursery will only accept paracetamol/ibuprofen if it is in its original packaging.

For all other medication:

The **Medication form will be completed via the Family App** in cases where a parent/carer can give permission for a specific medication on that day only. Again the medication must be in the original container, any prescribed medication must have the child's details on.

All medication is kept out of the child's reach, in the medicine cabinet upstairs in the main office. **Parents/Carers must ensure that all medication is handed to staff for safe storage and is not left in their child's bag.**

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The safeguarding and Welfare requirements Health and Medicines 3.43, 3.44, 3.67