

Medication Policy

Statement of intent

We promote the good health of all children and ourselves. We take positive steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate measures when we or the children are ill. Children that have medical needs are well looked after and their requirements are fulfilled and

“Medicines should only be taken to settings when essential; that is, where it would be detrimental to a child’s health if the medicine were not administered during the setting day” (Managing Medicines Guidance – DfES, March 2005)

Procedure

We are prepared to make reasonable adjustments to the house or garden or ways of working as required by the Equality Act 2010 to support a child’s medical needs.

Keep information regularly updated to ensure children’s ongoing medication needs are met

We aim to support parents and meet each child’s needs and work closely with other agencies as required.

We will only administer medication that has been prescribed by a Doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. The medication must be in its original container and clearly named in English for the child

We will require written permission for prescription and non-prescription medication to be administered. We will accept a signed consent form, email or text message.

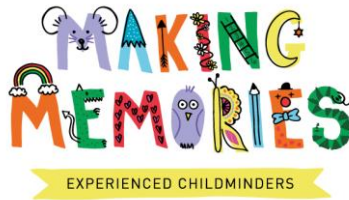
We will keep a record of any medication administered and parents will be required to sign acknowledging the dose and time the medication was given

We will request that where a child has NOT had the medication before that they stay at home for 24 hours after the first dose in case of an allergic reaction.

Children taking prescribed medication must be well enough to attend nursery (eating as usual and free from fever) and must be free from infectious illness.

When a child refuses to take their medication, we will not force the child but will record the information in the notes section at the bottom of the consent form. The parents will be contacted.

Parents are responsible for ensuring ALL medication is in date



Long term medication

When a child is required to have medication long term, such as an asthma inhaler, cream for eczema or an Epipen then I will work with parents to complete a Care Plan for the child which will detail their needs and give me permission to administer medication or treatment long-term or in an emergency situation. The care plan is reviewed regularly

Allergic reaction

If a child has an allergic reaction or suspected reaction I/we will stop administering it immediately and request medical advice. Parents will be informed. An allergic reaction form will be completed.

Training

Where necessary we will undertake appropriate training to administer medication such as and epipen

Medication on trips

We will take medication when going on trips and outings.

Disposing of medication

Parents will be responsible for disposing of their child's medication.

Self medication

We are aware that older child may require medication and will be shared between here and school. We encourage them to self administer where possible and will supervise. We will discuss this with the child's parents during registration

Medication storage

Medicines are clearly labelled and stored out of reach of children.

Expiry dates are checked regularly.

We will store medication as detailed on the prescribers instructions.

