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# Medicines Policy

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This policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

I am more than happy to administer medicine to your child should he/she require it, but only if you have signed a permission form beforehand. This permission form will be reviewed on a regular basis and changes made accordingly.

All medicines must be provided by you, each medicine MUST be in its original packaging with clear dosage instructions on it whether it is prescribed by your child's GP or consultant or an over the counter medicine such as teething gel etc.

When administering medicine:

* I will obtain prior written / in app permission from parents for each and every medicine to be administered before any medication is given.
* If the administration of prescription medicine requires technical/medical knowledge then I will attend training from a qualified health professional. The training should be specific to the child in question.
* All medicines will be stored securely, out of the sight and reach of the children.
* When I give a child their medicine I will record the date, time, name of medicine and dosage given and sign this. You will be asked to countersign the form or app when you collect your child.
* I will not give the first dose of any new medicine(s) - the first dose should be given by yourself, at home, so that we are sure your child will not suffer any adverse reaction to it.

**Non-Prescribed Medicines**

As a setting we withhold the right to decide where appropriate when to give Non-Prescribed medicines.

Please note that paracetamol/ibuprofen should only be used as pain relief or with a medical practitioner's recommendation, such as following vaccinations. It should not be used simply to reduce a temperature, as this can mask more serious conditions.

If we deem it appropriate for your child to be on Non-prescribed medication for example Calpol for teething children, then you will have to fill out the medicine form as normal.

If your child spikes a temperature of 38.0 we will monitor their behavior and check their temperature every 15 mins. We understand that some children can have a raised temperature as normal, but if your child's temperature goes above 38.5 we will contact parents for them to come and collect their child as soon as possible and to ask for verbal consent of administering ‘Emergency Calpol’. If your child has been given Emergency Calpol they must be collected and will not be allowed to stay at our setting.

Non-Prescriptions Medicine

We can administered prescription medicines to your child as long as the medicine:

* Is in the ordinal packaging/Prescription sticker
* Stats child full name and date of birth.
* States the dosage and frequency of administration
* Has the reason why you child is taking the medications
* Expiry Date (Please note we will not give out of date medicine, no exceptions).
* Date/time and amount of last dosage given
* States the doctor/pharmacy that prescribed the medication