

Medication Policy

A child who is suffering from a contagious illness will not be able to attend the nursery. A list of the recommended exclusion periods from the nursery can be seen displayed on the Parent Information Board, or online by searching for the 'Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings'.

We can only administer medicines and other treatments with signed permission from the parent. This includes over the counter treatments for skin conditions such as eczema and nappy rash.

As part of the registration process parents will be asked for written consent if they wish the nursery to administer Calpol to their child. Calpol can only be given to a child who has a high temperature. Calpol cannot be given for coughs and colds etc. unless it has been prescribed by a GP. Every effort will be made by the nursery to contact the child's parents and emergency contacts before the Calpol is administered. If we cannot obtain verbal agreement professional judgement will be used.

All other medicines and treatments must be prescribed by a GP. Prescription medicines must have the chemists label with full details of the date prescribed, the dose and the child's name and address.

Any ongoing medicines that need to be administered through the day will be administered by the nursery. Parents will complete and sign a medication form with instructions as to the time and amount given etc. On collection parents will be asked to sign to confirm that they have been notified the medicine has been administered. It will have also been signed by the practitioner who administered it as well as the practitioner who witnessed the medication being administered.

Children that have been prescribed antibiotics for the first time must have been taking their antibiotics for 24 hours (Over 2s) and 48 hours (Under 2s) before attending nursery. This is a precaution as children can have an allergic reaction to it and so should not be at nursery in case, they need medical attention.

Parents of children with inhalers will be asked to sign a medication form/ care plan only once. However, it is the responsibility of the parent to inform the nursery of any changes.

