



Medication Policy

Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all parents/guardians understand the procedure for the authorisation of administering medication to their child. Only authorised members of staff (qualified practitioners) may administer medication, and accurate records of any medication administered must be kept.

Who is Responsible?

It is the overall responsibility of the Manager / Director to ensure that there is written parental/guardian permission to administer medication to children during the session.

It is the responsibility of the staff to ensure that parents/carers complete a medication form before any medication is administered, and a signature is obtained giving authorisation. The medicine administration form must be signed again by the parent or carer when they collect their child.

The Manager / Director / Supervisor / Room Leaders and Practitioners will ensure that all medicines are returned to parents/carers at the end of the session. No short-term medication will be stored at the nursery overnight. It is the parents/carers' overall responsibility to ensure medication is taken home at the end of each day.

How will the policy be implemented?

- Staff members will not administer the first dose of medicine to the child. Parents should have given their child one dose to ensure that no allergic reaction is caused by administering the medication.
- Members of staff may only administer prescribed medication to a child with the written consent of the parent/carer.
- Where qualified members of staff are required to administer medication to a child, whether short-term or long-term, the parent/carer must first complete and sign a medicine administration form. A new entry should be completed where there is a change in circumstances.
- The medicine administration form will detail the name of the qualified practitioner who administered the medication, and another staff member will sign as a witness to the administration of the medication.
- Before medicine is administered, the qualified practitioner should check the medicine administration form for any changes.
- The medicine administration form should be completed each time the child receives their medication. This form must be completed and signed by the person administering the medication, a witness, and countersigned by the parent or carer when they collect their child.
- Any medicines to be stored in the kitchen fridge will be stored in a plastic lidded box, clearly named and dated.

Administering of 'controlled' drug medication

- If a child requires a 'Controlled Drug', the only person permitted to administer the drug is the parents/guardians.
- The controlled drug **will not** be stored in the nursery premises.
- At no time will any member of staff be permitted to administer a 'controlled drug'
- At no time should the medication form be completed in pencil; it must be in pen.
- Parents should be signing their names and not printing.
- The parent's signature must be seen at the bottom of the medication form.
- It must be clearly stated **why** the child is on the medication.
- No medication should be left in children's bags.

Administering all other medications

- At no time should the medication form be completed in pencil; it must be in a black or blue pen.
- Parents/carers should be signing their names and not printing.
- Parents/carers' signature must be seen on the medication form.
- It must be clearly stated **why** the child is on medication.
- Medication must be stored accordingly in sealed containers in the fridge or cupboard.
- **No medication should be left in children's bags.**

Auditing Medication

- Medication forms will be checked daily by the Manager / Director, who will sign forms
- All medication forms should be easily accessible to the Manager/ Director in all the playrooms.
- The Manager will audit all medications brought in and out of the nursery, and this will be countersigned by them

The Manager / Director and staff must ensure that all medications are inaccessible to children, stored out of children's reach, in their original containers and clearly labelled with their contents and the child's name. It should be noted that specific medications have storage implications for the setting.