

Medication

EYFS: 3.19, 3.46, 3.47

At **Scribbles Day Nursery** we promote the good health of children attending nursery and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection (see sickness, illness and infection control policies). If a child requires medicine, we will obtain information about the child's needs for this, and will ensure this information is kept up to date.

We follow strict guidelines when dealing with any medication in the nursery and these are set out below. If a child is brought to the nursery in a condition in which he/she may require medication sometime during the day, the manager will decide if the child is fit to be left at the nursery. If the child is staying, the parent/carer must be asked if any kind of medication has already been given, at what time and in what dosage and this must be stated on the medication form on Ey Log.

As a Nursery we refer to the Public Health England for guidance on illnesses within the setting

Medication prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist

- The nursery will only administer medicines with aspirin that are prescribed.
- All medications must be in their original containers, labels must be legible with child and pharmacist's details, dosage required, date prescribed and not tampered with or they will not be given. This will be checked at the door before staff agree to administer medication.
- Those with parental responsibility for any child requiring prescription medication should hand over the medication to the most appropriate member of staff and must give prior written permission on EyLog for the administration of each and every medication. We will accept written permission for a full course of medication or for the ongoing use of a particular medication. The dosage on the written permission is the only dosage that will be administered. We will not give a different dose unless a new form is completed
- The parent/carer must be asked when the child has last been given the medication before coming to nursery; and the staff member must record this information on the medication form. Similarly, when the child is picked up, the parent/carer must be given precise details of the times and dosage given throughout the day. The parent's signature must be obtained via EyLog.
- The nursery will input and publish each dose and the parent is responsible for signing off the medication form after each session.
- At the time of administering the medicine, a member of staff will offer the child their medication at the prescribed time in the prescribed form. (It is important to note that staff working with children are not legally obliged to administer medication)
- Children can only attend nursery **48 hours** after their first dose of antibiotics to rule out any reactions that may occur and allow recovery time.
- If the child refuses to take the appropriate medication, then a note will be made on the form.
- Any antibiotics requiring refrigeration must be kept in a fridge inaccessible to children.
- Emergency medication, such as inhalers and Epi Pens, will be stored in the first aid cupboards in the room within easy reach of staff for immediate use, but will remain out of children's reach. If the inhaler travels then it will be removed from the child's bag and returned at the end of the day. We always advise best practise to have a spare that stays at nursery. Staff will check for expiry dates on the medication.

Temperature	Comments	Action
36.4	Normal body temperature	Nothing
36.4 -37.5	Acceptable teething	Nothing, teething gel
37.5- 38.0	Illness: along with other symptoms, such as runny nose, lethargy, and	Parent Phone call to collect, monitored till parent arrives.

	generally unwell.	
38.0-39.9	Illness. Calpol given with parent permission.	Parent called for permission and to collect.
40+	Very serious	Ambulance

Non-prescription medication

- The nursery will not administer any non-prescription medication containing aspirin.
- Medicines must not usually be administered unless they have been prescribed. Both prescription and non-prescription medicines can only be administered where written permission has been obtained from the child's parent or carer.
- The nursery will only administer non-prescription medication for a short initial period, dependant on the medication or the condition of the child. After this time medical attention should be sought.
- If the nursery feels the child would benefit from medical attention rather than non-prescription medication, we reserve the right to refuse nursery care until the child is seen by a medical practitioner.
- For any non-prescription cream for skin conditions e.g.eczema cream, prior written permission must be obtained from the parent/carers and the onus is on the parent/carers to provide the cream which should be clearly labelled with the child's name and a form must be completed on EyLog.
- Giving non-prescription medication will be a last resort and the nursery staff will use other methods first to try and alleviate the symptoms (where appropriate). The child will be closely monitored until the parents/carers collect them.

Administering liquid paracetamol

- OFSTED do not recommend that we administer liquid paracetamol as it can mask a more serious illness.
- At 40 degrees it is recommended that an ambulance is called.
- Liquid paracetamol will only be administered if a child's temperature is over 38.0 degrees after a phone call to gain parent permission mainly to stop the likely hood of convulsions. Child will need to be collected ASAP.
- An emergency nursery supply of fever relief (e.g. Calpol) and anti-histamines (e.g. Piriton) will be stored on site. This will be checked at regular intervals by the designated trained first aider to make sure that it complies with any instructions for storage and is still in date.
- If a child has a temperature whilst at nursery and requires Calpol this can be given and the form must be submitted the parent to sign off before coming to collect the child as soon as possible.
- Parents are **not** to give children Calpol or Nurofen when a child is attending the setting as this masks illnesses and we have a duty of care to the staff and children within the setting.
- The nursery **DOES NOT** administer any medication unless prior written consent is given for each and every medicine.

Injections, peccaries, suppositories

As the administration of injections, peccaries and suppositories represents intrusive nursing, we will not administer these without appropriate medical training for every member of staff caring for this child.