



Illness and Medicine Policy

“We must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take necessary action when they are ill.”

Illness

If your child is ill, then we advise parents to keep them off nursery until they are feeling better. If your child becomes ill whilst in our care, we will contact the parents/carers and ask them to collect their child. **Our policy is that any child who has sickness or diarrhoea must be kept away from the nursery for 48 hours from when they were last sick or had diarrhoea.** We follow the ‘Health Protection Agency’ guidelines and any parent is welcome to look at this. For further information on any illness please visit: www.hpa.org.uk or speak to a member of staff who will be able to advise you. We will inform parents of any illnesses that are contagious.

If your child has a contagious disease please inform the nursery as soon as possible. This then allows the staff to ensure we take the necessary steps to prevent infection further and ensure the correct time off nursery is followed. It is our duty to inform Ofsted and RIDDOR of any communicable disease a child may have, and we will follow any advice given by them. Please see www.hse.gov.uk for further information.

Medicines

We will only give medication to a child if we have written permission by a parent or in an emergency telephone permission. The medicine must be in the original container with the child’s full name on it, this includes all over the counter medicines such as Calpol and all medicines must be in date. You will be expected to provide us with details of the medication and why your child is taking it, details of dosage and the time when they last had the medicine. Each day your child is taking this medication you will be asked to give permission. On pick up we will also inform you what time they had the medicine whilst at nursery and you will be asked to sign the medicine form again to confirm you have been informed of this information. Whilst at nursery Calpol/ibuprofen cannot be given more than once per day for no longer than 2 consecutive days if your child requires pain relief more than once in a day parents will be called to collect them.

All medication should be given to a member of staff to be stored in the medicine container in the fridge or in our locked cabinets (in the kitchens). Under no circumstances can any medication be left in the children’s bags or in the rooms.

If a child has a medical condition that will need long-term medical needs then the setting will need all the information regarding this. The setting will arrange training for staff if medicines require technical/medical knowledge and this training will be specific to the child. We will also fill in an ongoing medication form if required.

Signed on behalf of the Nursery: K Keen and K. Smith
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