

Health Medication

Statutory Framework : Section 3.44 & 3.45 & 3.46 The Safeguarding & Welfare Requirements

At Poppy's Day Nursery we work closely with our parents and offer a reasonable level for the health of each individual child.

We promote good health of children attending the setting.

Staff will respond to children who are unwell and will take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action of children are ill.

Sick children should be cared for at home until they are well enough to return to nursery.

We will only accept medication if it is prescribed by a Doctor, Dentist, Nurse or pharmacist.

If a child is on medication which needs to be administered whilst the child is in Nursery care, a medical consent form must be completed by the parent / carer stating strict instructions on the times and dose of each course.

If a child is unwell and is on antibiotics, we ask parents / carers to keep them at home for the first 48 hours to ensure the well being of the child.

Any creams / lotions that need to be applied during their Nursery day, a medication consent form must be completed.

Consent is given when completing the Nursery Contract if emergency treatment is needed.

If a child becomes unwell in the Nursery it must be reported to the Manager or Senior member of staff on duty, who will then access the child.

Senior staff are to contact the parent / carer and arrange collection / medication or transport to hospital if applicable.

A sickness form must be completed by staff and then signed by parent / carer on collection of the child. This form will be filed in the child's individual folder.

Whilst waiting for the parent / carer to collect the child, staff will remove the child from the group and take them to a quiet area and staffing will be re organised.

When the parent arrives staff will inform them of what has happened, the Nursery policy on exclusion periods, signs and symptoms of suspected illness and ask them to contact the Nursery of any progress and diagnosis.

If the illness may affect others, a notification of reported illness will be displayed in each room and advice will be taken from the Local Communicable Diseases Office.

PRIOR PARENTAL CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT IS SIGNED FOR ON THE NURSERY CONTRACT.

If medication is to be administered on outings or trips the Senior member of staff will take full responsibility to ensure this stored correctly administered as requested.

Medication is either stored in the locked medicine box or as requested on the label.

Calpol

In the event of a child being unwell due to a temperature that is higher than 37c every effort is made to reduce the temperature.

- removal of excess clothing
- applying a cold flannel
- offer drinks of water
- continue to monitor the child every 10 minutes

If a child has a high temperature, we will contact the parents immediately to discuss what action they would like to be take.

However if we are unable to contact parents and staff feel that the temperature is extremely high we would administer calpol to help reduce the temperature.

Piriton Syrup

Chlorphenamine Meleate

In the event of a child being stung by a wasp or bee whilst at Nursery, we gain parental permission for staff at Poppy's Day Nursery to administer Piriton Syrup Chlorphenamine Meleate to relieve the pain and help to reduce possible swelling.

Dosage as stated on the box - Dependant on age of the child.

Medication @ Home

Parents must inform staff if they have already administered a medicine before arriving at Nursery to avoid the risk of over dosing – this is recorded on a medication form / in the room communication book.

- It is vital staff are made aware of any medication children are on at home even if it is not to be administered at Nursery.
- The reason for this is if we had to take your child to Hospital for any reason the Doctors will ask if the child is on any medication.

The following form is completed.

Poppy's Day Nursery Medication Policy

Child's Name	
Name of medication	
Reason for medication	
Date medication started	
Length of course (i.e. 7 days / ongoing)	
Last dose given	
Other information	
Parent Signature	
Staff Signature	
Date	

Medication Forms

Medication which is to be administered at nursery must have a medication form completed by the parent. Any doses given before nursery must be recorded on the form.

Child's name:	
Date:	
Name of medication:	
Dosage / instructions:	

I, the parent / carer of the above named child, give permission for the medication named above, to be given at stated times.

The medication named above was prescribed by the child's Doctor and that my child has already received the first 48hours of medication.

Parent / carer Signature:.....

Date	Time	Dose	Administered by	Witnessed by – Senior Staff Only

Long Term Medical Needs

For children who have long term or complex medical needs all relevant information is gathered to ensure sufficient information is available; condition of the medical need / impact of any medication prescribed and a detailed health Care Plan is implemented in partnership with parents and relevant health professionals.

Medical Protocol Form

Child's name:
Date of birth:
Child's needs / special requirements:
Signs to look for:
What should we do?
When do you want to be called?
Any other information you need to know? - side effects
Parent / carer signature
Senior staff signature
Review Date: