

## Medicine Policy

We are happy to give your child medications, whether OTC (Over the Counter) or prescribed medicines but only if you have signed a parental permission form for us to do so.

You will need to advise us daily should the medications still be needed (i.e. if your Doctor has prescribed a number of days' worth of medications), and of course sign to confirm your intentions in writing.

It is vital that you inform us of any medication you may have given your child before they arrive into our care. We need to know what medicine they have had, the dose and time given. We need to know this so that we can give the next dose at the appropriate time.

We will ensure that all medication given to us will be stored, but it is the parents responsibility to ensure that they have given us the correct medicines, and dosing requirements.

If your child has a self-held medication please obtain an additional one for me to be kept at my home. Older children can easily forget to bring home an inhaler. What could be a "simple puff of ventolin" then turns into a major incident and a trip to the hospital. If your child has acute allergies and carries/needs an epipen, please discuss the matter with me. We may need additional training to administer these forms of medication.

In some cases a child on antibiotics may be asked not to attend for 2-3 days in case they react to the medication and to prevent the spread of an infection to others.

All medicine given to us to administer must be in its original bottle/container and not decanted. It must have the manufacturers guidelines on it and if a prescription medication the details from the Doctor/pharmacy.

If you have any concerns regarding medication please do not hesitate to discuss them with us.