

Medication and Sickness Policy

General Principles

- If a child is unwell they should not attend nursery.
- Exclusion periods for illnesses will be based on HPN guidelines and cases of the illness in the nursery. The final decision will be made by the Nursery Manager.
- If a child has a contagious infection they should not return to nursery until the contagious stage has passed.
- Different infections require different exclusion periods. In most circumstances, a child may return to nursery after taking a course of antibiotics for 24 hours provided they are feeling well, however some infections have longer exclusion periods.
- Calpol, and other non-prescribed drugs, cannot be administered.
- All medicine will be signed into the nursery in the morning and Signed out and taken home in the evening.
- Medicine will only be administered if it has been prescribed.
- The nursery will not give the first dose of any medication.
- All medicine should be clearly marked with the child's full name.
- If too much medication is given or is given to the wrong child, the Parents and Manager must be informed immediately and medical advice sought.
- If a child refuses to take medicine the Parents and Manager must be informed immediately. Depending on the medication, medical advice may need to be sought.
- Individual circumstances will be discussed with the Nursery Manager and a medication plan will be drawn up as needed.

Prescribed Medication

- Prescription medicine can only be given to the person named on the bottle for the dosage stated. All prescription medications should have the pharmacist's details and notes attached to show the dosage needed and the date the prescription was issued.
- Medicines should be in their original containers and contain the information leaflet.
- When given medication by a Parent, staff will complete a medication form in the presence of the Parent. Parent will sign and date the form and inform if medication has been given prior to arrival at nursery.
- Parents should detail the exact times they would like their child to receive medication
- We will accept written permission once for a whole course of medication or for the ongoing use of a particular medication on the condition that neither the type of medication nor the dosage, change.
- The nursery will not administer a dosage that exceeds the recommended dose on the instructions unless accompanied by a doctor's letter.
- Long term medication will be reviewed at least every three months.
- The expiry date should be highlighted

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Non-Prescribed Medication

- For any non-prescription cream for skin conditions e.g. nappy creams or moisturisers, prior written permission must be obtained from the parent. The onus is on the parent to provide the cream which should be clearly labelled with the child's name and the expiry date of the cream.

N.B. Whilst the nursery follows advice and exclusion criteria from the Health Board, we reserve the right to exclude children from the nursery who have sickness, diarrhoea or conjunctivitis. Parents may be asked to keep the child at home until the symptoms have ceased for up to 48 hours.