Medication in nursery

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If parents wish for their child to have a medical item in nursery parents MUST ;

a) complete the nursery medical form.
b) Parents must provide prescribed medical items with the pharmasist's label on it. This label should clearly identify who the medication belongs to. We CANNOT accept any medication bought over the counter from a chemist .

Inhalers / Epipens

Children who need to use Inhalers or Epipens will have a long term medical plan written in consultation with parents and if necessary with medical practitioners.

Inhalers will only be used under supervision. A child will not have access to their inhaler.

A member of the Nursery Senior Leadership Team will administer the inhaler with a second staff member witnessing, parents will be asked to initial on their child's form when it has been given at the end of the child's nursery session.

Should a child not respond to the inhaler and is struggling with breathing nursery staff will call an ambulance

Should an Epipen need to be used and the child responds well , parents will be informed immediately and staff will discuss whether the child needs to be taken home.

If a child does not respond immediately to the Epipen an ambulance will be called.

Prescribed medicines

Antibiotics:

If a child is on a course of antibiotics prescribed by a doctor, but feeling better they are able to attend nursery. The Nursery manager will write a short term care plan in which Nursery management take responsibility for administering antibiotics. The purpose of this however is only so that the child can continue to attend nursery as they are well and simply need to complete the course of medication. If they are clearly unwell and distressed or in discomfort they should not attend nursery . Staff will phone parents asking them to come and collect their child if they are not well enough.

Parents will be asked to provide details of when any medication was last prescribed at home.

Management staff will administer the medication as prescribed on the doctor's label, and will record what has been given on the medical form on the back of the short term plan. This will be witnessed by a member of staff and parents will be asked to initial the form at the end of the child's nursery session.

Liquid paracetamol: (eg Calpol)

Generally , Calpol/ Ibuprofen cannot be administered by staff as this is a sign that the child is in pain and therefore should not be in nursery. A member of the management team would discourage a parent sending a child to nursey if they were in pain.

However, If the child has a broken arm etc and the paracetamol is 'just in case' this is viewed in a different way and the Nursery Manager will write a short term care plan.

Cough lozenges/ lip salve

These items are not allowed in nursery due to the risks of choking on cough lozenges and the possibility of children sharing these items.

Food Allergies

When planning any activities which involve food, reference should be made to the information provided by parents and collated on the food allergies list and an alternative food provided for those children who are not allowed the food on offer.

Parents will be informed of any activities that involve food or food tasting and will be asked to sign a slip to state that their child can take part in the activity.

Information for staff around medication

Medication must be kept in a high cupboard in the nursery classrooms.

The cupboard should have a red cross on it to indicate where medical items are kept in the classroom.

Any new medical forms completed by parent must be given immediately to the Manager to complete their section.

The office staff will then update the child's records on SIMS with the details.

This document is then returned to nursery staff and **must** be kept with the medicine.

At the end of the academic year any medication will be sent home with a new medical form for the parents to complete and return at the start of the new academic year if the child is moving into the next class.

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