

## **Administering medication**

I am happy to give your child non-prescribed medication, such as cough mixture, Calpol or Nurofen, teething gel etc, but only if you have signed a parental permission form for me to do so.

This permission form will be regularly reviewed to ensure that there are no changes, for example a child may no longer be able to take some medication or may need an additional form.

Even though you may have signed a form, I will still contact you by telephone to check that I can administer this medication. This is to protect your child, you and myself. It is vital that you inform me of any medication you may have given your child before they arrive into my care. I need to know what medicine they have had, the dose and time given.

You will need to provide the medication for me to administer. I will ensure that all medication given to me will be stored correctly and I will check that it is still within its expiry date.

If your child has a self-held medication please obtain an additional one for me to be kept at my home in case it is required. If your child has acute allergies and carries/needs an epipen, please discuss the matter with me; I may need additional training to administer these forms of medication.

If your child needs to take medication prescribed by a doctor, please discuss this with me. I will need you to sign an additional permission form. 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. Prescription medication will only be administered to the child it is prescribed for by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist.

**, Administering medication policy**

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All medicine given to me 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.

I will record all medication administered in my book and request a parental signature at the end of each day.

I will store all medication in a secure location out of the reach of the children but within my easy reach.

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