Medications

This policy is in place to promote good health, including oral health, and to meet the individual needs of a child who requires medical or ongoing medical treatment and support.

We must have robust systems in place to obtain information about a child's medical needs and/or need for medicines and these must kept up-to-date.

We will ensure that all medication is stored securely in line with the requirements of the medication administered and recorded correctly.

Providers are responsible for taking appropriate action, responding swiftly to children who are ill, infectious to prevent the spread of infection and or in need of medication.

Children with long-term medical needs will be supported in partnership with parents and any other health professionals, while short term medical needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Procedure

· We have systems in place to ensure we have accurate and up to date information about a child's medical conditions, including signs; symptoms; dosage; routine treatment and emergency medication.

· Parents/carers must provide information about special dietary and health requirements including food allergies and intolerances before a child attends the setting.

· Staff and families will be made aware if a child in the setting has a severe allergy that could lead to anaphylaxis and what precautions need to be taken to keep the chid safe.

. Parents/carers must hand medicine directly to a member of staff. All medication, including staff medication on the premises will be stored securely and in line with the requirements of the medication.

· Written permission is required for all medication (prescription and non-prescription) and instructions must be recorded in English.

· We will not administer prescription medicines unless prescribed for a child by a medical professional. These medicines must be provided in original container, clearly labelled with child's name, and required dose.

· Non-prescription medicine will never be administered without first checking maximum dosages and when the previous dosage was given.

. We will administer liquid paracetamol as pain relief or to bring down a temperature with a parents permission, but children must not attend nursery having been given calpol to relieve a temperature in the morning.

. Medication will only be administered by a qualified member of staff, and all dosages will be checked by another member of staff before being administered to an individual.

· We will keep a record each time medicine is administered to a child and inform the parent/carer as soon as possible.

· Where administering medication requires medical or technical knowledge, we will ensure staff are competent and that training has been carried out by a healthcare professional.

· In the case of illness or infectious disease we will refer to the Sickness Policy.

· An individual Health Care Plan may be required to support a child with complex medical conditions.

· All consent forms and completed records will be stored in accordance with our Information and Records Policy.

This policy was reviewed in	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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