The Meadows

Cheeky Chimps Childcare

# Medicines and vaccinations Policy:

Some over the counter medicines (like Calpol or Nurofen) can mask more serious symptoms and illnesses. Any child that requires non-prescribed medicines to get them through the day, should not attent the nursery, Parents/caeres are also not alllowed to visit the nursery during the session to administer non-prescribed medicines.

Staff may refuse entry at the door if they are informed a child has had calpol before coming into the setting for their session. This may be if a child has a temperature and needs calpol to keep this down as the calpol may be masking other symptoms. The refusal of children to come into the setting is down to the managements discression. Staff are to check with management before refusing children entry into the setting.

Nurofen is only to be given if the child is not aloud to have Calpol. Parents are to sign a permission form for us to be able to administer Nurofen.

The child may be given Calpol from the setting if their temperature is above 38'C and if parents have been contacted to give consent and they have permission via the famly app. We will only administer this Calpol if needed. Parents/carers are to collect their child if Calpol has been administered at the setting.

If your child does require prescribed medication, you will be required to complete a medicine form. For the setting to be able to administer this medication the following must be in place:

- All medications must have the container with the child's name/prescription label and the dosage on the label.
- All medications must be in date (also have the date that this has been prescribed on the prescription label).
- The medication packaging must have clear storage instructions. This includes asthma medication.
- Parents/carers need to fill out the medication form correctly and sign this when handing the medicine over and when collecting their child at the end of the day.
- Only senior staff will adminster the medicine and will have a staff witness when giving medication to a child.
- Creams and Ointments can be administered by a nursery pracitioner who holds a full level 2 or 3. This must be agreed by management and their room leader.

The first dose of any medication the child has not had before, must have been administered a full 24 hours before attending the nursery to ensure that there is no allergic reaction.

We will ensure that all medications provided to us will be stored correctly and we will check that this is still within the expiry date. In addition, we will:

- Keep records of all medications administered to children in our care.
- Inform parents when a medication has been administered including the time and dosage.
- We will work in partnership with parents to ensure the correct medication, dosage etc, is given.
- If the administration of prescription medication requires technical/medical knowledge, we will attend training from a qualified professional.
- Prescription medication will only be administered if prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse, or pharmacist.
- If we have a child in our care with long-term medical needs, we will ensure that all staff have sufficient information about the child's medical condition, and we will work in partnership with parents to assist the administration of any prescribed medication. This may require a care plan or risk assessment depending on the individual child and if there any risks to themselves or others.

**Exemptions:**

- Children with fractures or other injuries unrelated to illness, may be able to attend if they are not in discomfort but a risk assessment will need to be put into place. Parents may administer pain relief on the premises if the child has no other illness symptoms.
- Non-alcoholic teething gel can be administered by staff without a medication form.

**Vaccinations:**

When a child is going for their vaccinations, they are not to come to nursery for a full day after their vaccination. This is in case they have any reactions to the vaccination they have had. If a parent notifies a staff member that their child will be attending their vaccinations, staff are to inform parents of our policy and check when the child is able to return with the management team. If the child is having boosters with NO NEW vaccinations added, they can attend nursery the next day after their vaccinations. Please check this with management beforehand or when informed of these vaccinations.

If a child is having nose spray vaccinations e.g., flu spray, they can attend nursery if they have had the nose spray previously and if they are okay within themselves.

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