



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL POLICY

Nursery Plus 2

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POLICY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

The Governors and staff of Millbrook School wish to ensure that pupils with medication needs receive appropriate care and support at school. The Headteacher will accept responsibility in principle for members of the school staff giving or supervising pupils taking prescribed medication during the school day where those members of staff have volunteered to do so.

Please note that parents should keep their children at home if acutely unwell or infectious.

Parents are responsible for providing the Headteacher with comprehensive information regarding the pupil's condition and medication.

Prescribed medication will not be accepted in school without complete written and signed instructions from the parent.

Staff will not give a non-prescribed medicine to a child unless there is specific prior written permission from the parents.

Staff in Nursery Plus 2 will give over-the-counter medication such as pain and fever relief or teething gel after written permission beforehand from parents. - *See Paracetamol Suspension Procedure attached*. When administering this medication all of the procedures will be put into place listed in this procedure.

Only reasonable quantities of medication should be supplied to the school (for example, a maximum of four weeks supply at any one time).

Where the pupil travels on school transport with an escort, parents should ensure the escort has written instructions relating to any medication sent with the pupil.

Each item of medication must be delivered to the Headteacher or Authorised Person, in normal circumstances by the parent, **in a secure and labelled container as originally dispensed**. Each item of medication must be clearly labelled with the following information:

- Pupil's Name.
- Name of medication.
- Dosage.
- Frequency of administration.
- Date of dispensing.
- Storage requirements (if important).
- Expiry date.
- Written instructions provided by the prescriber on the label or container
- Medicines should always be provided in the original container

The school will not accept items of medication in unlabelled containers.

Medication will be kept in a secure place, out of the reach of pupils. Unless otherwise indicated all medication to be administered in school will be kept in a locked medicine cabinet. In Nursery Plus we have a separate locked cabinet for these medicines. A separate labelled section has been allocated if the medicine needs to be kept in the fridge.

The school will keep records, which they will have available for parents.

If children refuse to take medicines, staff will not force them to do so, and will inform the parents of the refusal, as a matter of urgency, on the same day. If a refusal to take medicines results in an emergency, the school's emergency procedures will be followed.

For any medication that needs to be taken three times a day, parents are advised and encouraged to administer themselves at home in the morning before school, after school hours and at bedtime.

It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing if the pupil's need for medication has ceased.

It is the parents' responsibility to renew the medication when supplies are running low and to ensure that the medication supplied is within its expiry date.

The school will not make changes to dosages on parental instructions.

School staff will not dispose of medicines. Medicines, which are in use and in date, should be collected by the parent at the end of each term. Date expired medicines or those no longer required for treatment will be returned immediately to the parent for transfer to a community pharmacist for safe disposal.

For each pupil with long-term or complex medication needs, the Headteacher will ensure that a Healthcare Plan is drawn up, in conjunction with the appropriate health professionals.

Staff who volunteer to assist in the administration of medication will receive appropriate training/guidance through arrangements made with the School Health Service.

The school will make every effort to continue the administration of medication to a pupil whilst on trips away from the school premises, even if additional arrangements might be required. However, there may be occasions when it may not be possible to include a pupil on a school trip if appropriate supervision cannot be guaranteed.

All staff will be made aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency.

Access to Medicines

Children will have immediate access to their medication when required. Some emergency medicines however are carried by the child with the parents/carers permissions. i.e. Epi-pens.

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