



Parent Guide to Bright Kids Medication Policy

'Medicines should not usually be administered unless they have been prescribed for that child by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist' (EYFS: 2008: p26)



'Providers must obtain prior written permission for each and every medicine from parents before any medication is given' (EYFS: 2008:26)

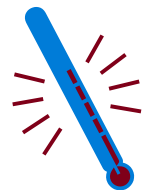
Must record 'any medicine administered to any child who is cared for on the premises, including the date and circumstances and who administered it, including medicine which the child is permitted to self-administer, together with a record of a parent guardian/carer's consent' (CR8: Childcare Register)



The giving of medicines to children is legislated for us by the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (0-5 years) and the Childcare Register (5-8 years) and monitored by Ofsted when they inspect. The above statements come from those relevant documents.

There is also guidance on if we should administer 'non-prescription' medicine such as Infant Suspension Paracetamol (e.g Calpol), Ibuprofen based products (e.g. Nurofen) and teething gel (e.g. Bonjela). We have taken the decision that we WILL be able to administer these using the same procedures as we do for prescribed medicines - meaning we would require you to complete the same form for both. However we do reserve the right to refuse administration of these 'non-prescribed' medicines "if they are given too frequently as this may be hiding an underlying ailment that requires professional medical attention" (Medication Policy: 0211)

With all medicines you will need to detail dosage and times and cannot use a 'When or as required' or 'If needed' as this would defers the decision making to staff. As practitioners, unless we are in an emergency situation of an exceptionally high fever, we are not allowed to make that decision. Emergency situations are different and we would be in contact with you or a relative via phone or if no-one were unavailable then only the most senior staff within the company can make such decisions to administer medicine without authorisation.



Recent government information regarding the use of medicines specifically for coughs and colds is clear in that under no circumstances should these be given to under 2's and the symptoms should be treated with pain or fever medicines instead. For further information on this please visit www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/CON028268 about over the counter medicines. In light of this we have taken the decision that we will not administer any form of over the counter cough or cold medicine to children of any age as we feel this is in their best interests.

In addition to that we will NOT administer products such as vapour rubs, inhalant decongestants or plain saline nose drops. We also need permission from you to administer Nursery or your own Suncream and nappy creams supplied by you. We will ask you to sign separate forms for this each year.

Below is a sample of our Medicine Form, along with details of the parts you need to complete. These are available on our Website www.bright-kids.co.uk/parentforms and you may download one at any time, alternatively please ask for forms from nursery at any time for completion at home

DATE	PARENTS SIGNATURE	NAME OF MEDICATION	DOSE	TIME DUE	TIME GIVEN	GIVEN BY SIGNATURE REQUIRED	WITNESS & CHECKED BY SIGNATURE REQUIRED	PARENT'S SIGNATURE/ COMMENTS
		One Named Medicine only here	1)	2)	3)	1)	2)	
			2)	3)	1)	2)	3)	
			3)	1)	2)	3)	1)	

Write today's date

You need to sign here before we give any medicines

Correct medication name required here

Exact dosage needed

Specific times Must be put here

You sign here at the end of the day to ensure we know you have had this medication information back

