



Illness/Infectious Disease and Administering Medicines Policy and Procedure

As a registered childminder I must comply with current legislation with regard to the administration of medicines or medical treatment to children in my care.

I will give medicine/treatment to children if prescribed by a doctor; dentist; nurse or pharmacist and only with parent's prior written consent. I may be happy to give non-prescription medicines supplied by parents (i.e. pain/fever relief) if there is a health reason to do so but this must also be with prior written consent.

Any medicine or treatment that I give to children will be recorded and will require the parent's signature at the end of the day.

If the giving of medicine or treatment, e.g. epi-pen or asthma inhaler, requires technical or medical knowledge, then I must be trained to give this by a qualified health professional and this training must be specific to the child.

It is vital that parents inform me of any medication they may have given their child before they arrive into my care. I need to know what medicine they have had, the dose and the time given. I will not mind a child who has had an upset stomach within the last 48 hours.

If I am to give any medicine, it must be in its original container and must have product instructions. I will ensure that all medicine given to me is stored correctly, out of the reach of children (unless self-given) and is within its expiry date.

All children become ill from time to time. To promote good health and prevent the spread of infection I will:

- Encourage children to wash their hands with warm soapy water at regular intervals.
- Wash my own hands after each nappy change, or after aiding children with their toileting.
- Dispose of soiled nappies in the outside wheelie bin.
- Replace the hand towel in the bathroom at least once each day.
- Ensure that the premises remain clean and tidy, both indoors and outdoors. Toys and surfaces will be cleaned on a regular basis.
- Inform parents at the earliest opportunity of any infectious illness that their child may have been in contact with.

Parents are requested to provide their child each day: nappies, wipes and a change of clothes.