

Medication Policy		Safeguarding & welfare			
Early Years Foundation Stage					
A Unique Child	Positive Relationships		Enabling Environments	Learning & Development	
Every child is a unique child who is constantly learning & can be resilient, capable, confident & self-assured	Children learn to be strong & independent through positive relationships		Children learn & develop well in enabling environments, in which their experiences respond to their individual needs & there is a strong partnership between practitioners/Parents/Carers	Children develop & learn in different ways. The framework covers the education & care of all children in early years provision, including children with SEN & Disabilities	
Every Child Matters					
Be Healthy	Stay Safe	Enjoy & achieve	Make a Positive Contribution	Achieve Economic Wellbeing	
<p>Nursery Rhymes acknowledge that children with medical needs have the same rights of admission to our settings as any other child, we therefore have the following medication policy and comprehensive medication procedures in place to enable children to attend nursery. We do however wish to make it clear that medicines should only be brought into nursery when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the attended sessions in nursery.</p> <p>Senior Practitioners are happy to administer medication under the conditions of this policy and related procedures if in our view the child is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well enough to be attending nursery The appropriate forms are completed The child does not have a contagious or communicable disease <p>PRESCRIBED MEDICINES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Rhymes will only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse prescriber or pharmacist prescriber Medicines must always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration Medicines will only be administered in accordance with the prescriber's instructions Only medicines that have been prescribed specifically for the child it is being administered to will be accepted If the medicine is to be given in the short term only (such as antibiotics) then the parent/carer must complete a short term medication form before the medication will be administered in nursery Parents/carers must sign on collection of their child to confirm they have been informed when the medication has been administered For medicines that are to be administered indefinitely parents/carers must complete a long-term medication form, this will need to be updated periodically, a health care plan may also be required. <p>NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only non-prescription medicines that we are able to administer are teething gels and infant paracetamol suspensions Medicines must always be provided in the original container that the medicine was purchased in Medicines will only be administered in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions Parents/carers who wish staff to administer paracetamol to children must complete a short term medication form before the medication will be administered Parents/carers must sign on collection of their child to confirm they have been informed when the medication has been administered Paracetamol will not be administered for more than 2 days running unless prescribed by a doctor. Teething gel may be entered on a long-term medication form, which will be reviewed periodically; this only applies to children under the age of 2 years 					