

MEDICATION, ILLNESS AND IMMUNISATION

The centre does not have facilities to look after sick children and if your child becomes unwell, we will inform you or your emergency contact, and will isolate your child until he/she is collected.

If a child is sick and unable to attend Preschool or Childcare, you are asked to telephone the centre and inform us about your child's illness.

We realise from time to time that it will be necessary to give your child medication.

All medications brought to the centre must be accompanied by a Medication Agreement. Agreements are not required for undedicated items such as nappy creams, teething gel, sunscreens etc. For some medications, relevant paperwork will need to be completed with a medical practitioner and returned. All medication must be supplied in its original container with the child's name, date dispensed, name of medication, strength of medication, dose required, when the dose should be given, other administration instructions and expiry date appearing on the prescription medication label. Parents must also administer the first 24 hours of a prescribed medication e.g. antibiotics.

Details of all medication to be given **MUST** be referred to a staff member and recorded in the presence of a staff member. This information will be checked by a staff member to ensure all details are clear.

Medicine will only be administered by an authorised staff member and will be checked by a second staff member prior to administration.

Analgesics (pain relief such as aspirin, paracetamol or ibuprofen) are **NOT** permitted in education and care services.

Parents are encouraged to immunise their children against all diseases appropriate to their age. A record of the child's current immunisation status will be kept at the centre. Children who are not immunised may be excluded from the centre during outbreaks of some infectious diseases in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council Exclusion Guidelines, even if a child is well. These guidelines are available on request.