

Sedgeberrow Playgroup

Administering Medication Policy

If a child attending Sedgeberrow Playgroup requires prescription medication of any kind, their parent or carer must complete a **Permission to administer medicine** form in advance. Staff at the Playgroup will not administer any medication without such prior written consent.

Ideally children should take their medication before arriving at the Playgroup.

Sedgeberrow Playgroup can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist (medicine containing Aspirin must only be given if prescribed by a doctor) To ensure that this is the case all medication provided must have the prescription sticker attached which includes the child's name, the date, the type of medicine and the dosage.

All medication will be stored safely, out of the reach of children in the kitchen area.

A designated staff member will be responsible for administering medication or for witnessing self-administration by the child. The designated person will record receipt of the medication on a **Medication Log**, will check that the medication is properly labelled, and will ensure that it is stored securely during the session. Before any medication is given, the designated person will:

- Check that the Playgroup has received written consent
- Ask another member of staff to witness that the correct dosage is given.

When the medication has been administered, the designated person must:

- Record all relevant details on the **Record of Medication Given** form
- Ask the child's parent or carer to sign the form to acknowledge that the medication has been given.

When the medication is returned to the child's parent or carer, the designated person will record this on the **Medication Log**.

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff will use strategies agreed with doctor or other health professionals but will not force them to do so. The manager and the child's parent or carer will be notified, and the incident recorded on the **Record of Medication Given**.

Certain medications require specialist training before use, eg Epi Pens. If a child requires such medication the manager will arrange appropriate training as soon as possible. It may be necessary to absent the child until such training has been undertaken. Where specialist training is required, only appropriately trained staff may administer the medication.

A child's parent or carer must complete a new **Permission to Administer Medication** form if there are any changes to a child's medication (including dosage or frequency).

If a child suffers from a long-term medical condition the Playgroup will ask the child's parents to provide a medical care plan from their doctor, to clarify exactly what the symptoms and treatment are so that the Playgroup has a clear statement of the child's medical requirements.

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