



MEDICATION POLICY

Nippertime Preschool does not administer any medicines to children except for self-medicating such as inhalers / EpiPens or for children with a long-term medical condition. In these instances, a medication form must be completed by the child's parent/carer containing clear instructions for the administration of the medication. This will then only be carried out by a trained member of staff overseen by the Manager or Senior Team Leader. Medication will only be administered if in the original packaging with the details from the doctor, child's name, date, and instructions.

Parents are requested if they have given their child his/her medication before coming to Nippertime, to tell a member of staff and stipulate at exactly what time this was given and the dose. This is vital as it is not just for our information, but we would need to pass this information onto medical professionals in the event of an emergency.

Temperature regulating medication, e.g., Calpol and Ibuprofen, will not be given at Nippertime. These types of medication are especially designed for children to offer them relief from the discomforts of pain and fever. If you must give Calpol or Ibuprofen, it means your child is not well and they need to be at home to rest and recuperate, therefore please do not send them into Nippertime.

Antibiotics will not be given at Nippertime. If your child is given any form of antibiotics, please keep them off until the course has finished.

What happens if a child is taken ill at Nippertime?

If your child becomes ill at Nippertime we will endeavour to contact either the parent or the person nominated by the parent, and they will be asked to collect their child. If, as sometimes happens, we cannot get hold of anyone we will provide a quiet area to ensure the child is comfortable and safe.

In all medical emergencies* we will get the child to hospital and try to contact the parent / person nominated as soon as possible.

Parents must let the staff know where they can be contacted whilst their child is at Nippertime. It is important that they inform us of changes of telephone number or work location.

If your child has been unwell before coming to Nippertime, but has recovered sufficiently to attend as normal, then parents must tell the staff so that they can watch out for any reoccurrence of the illness.

***Medical emergencies could include accidents, severe asthma attacks, febrile convulsions or other convulsions, anaphylactic shocks etc.**