



## Seagull Childcare Shaldon, South Devon

### **MEDICAL POLICY**

I am happy to give your child prescribed and non-prescribed medicine if you have signed a parental permission form for me to do so. Non-prescribed medicine may be calpol, nurofen, cough medicine or teething gel.

Even though a form will have been signed by you, I might have to contact you by phone to check the medicine can still be administered.

To protect your child, you and myself I will need to be informed of any medication you have given your child within the last 24 hours prior to the child arriving in my care. I will need to know what medicine they have had, the dose and time given.

If I think that your child requires medicine and a permission form has not been signed, I will contact you to ask permission and then will ask you to sign the permission form when you come to collect your child.

All medicine given to me to administer must in its original bottle/container and not decanted. It must have the manufacturers' guidelines on it and, if it's prescribed medication, it must have details from the Doctor/pharmacy.

Children suffering from head lice may continue to attend as long as they are receiving treatment for the condition. I will inform other parents/carers if this happens so that they can keep an eye on their own child/children.

If asked to care for a child who suffers from an allergy or who requires, for example, insulin injections it will be necessary for me to receive training/instruction from a trained professional i.e. a GP or health visitor and that written confirmation of that training is given by the GP or health visitor.

As parents/carers I would ask you to confirm in writing that you agree with the training/instruction and inform your GP of the arrangements made. I, in turn, will inform my insurance company. It is important that a written record is kept of all such training, permissions and agreements.

If your child has a self-held medication please obtain an additional one for me to be kept at my home. Older children can easily forget to bring home an inhaler. What could be a simple puff of ventalin then turns into a major incident and a trip to the hospital.

In some cases a child on antibiotics may be asked not to attend for 2-3 days in case they react to the medication and to prevent the spread of an infection to others.

I will record all medication administered in my book and request a parental signature at the end of each day.

If I have concerns that a child is having problems with his/her hearing, speech, or a similar physical symptom, I will encourage the child's parents/carers to seek advice from their health visitor or GP. Permission, in writing, will be needed from a child's parents/carers if they require me to make direct contact, or to meet up, with a child's health visitor or GP.