

Oakdale After School Care Club

Administering Medication Policy

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

Ideally children should take their medication before arriving at the Club. If this is not possible, children will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for their medication if appropriate. If children carry their own medication (eg asthma inhalers), the Club staff will offer to keep the medication safe until it is required. Inhalers must be labelled with the child's name.

Oakdale After School Care Club can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. However, if a medicine contains aspirin we can only administer it if it has been prescribed by a doctor. All medication provided must have the prescription sticker attached which includes the child's name, the date, the type of medicine and the dosage.

A staff member will be responsible for administering medication or for witnessing self-administration by the child. Staff 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 Club has received written consent
- Ask another member of staff to witness that the correct dosage is given.

When the medication has been administered, the member of staff must:

- Record all relevant details on the **Record of Medication Given** form sign to say it has been given, and get another member of staff to witness/sign as well.

If a child refuses to take their medication, staff 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. 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 change of dosage or frequency).

If a child suffers from a long term medical condition the Club 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 Club has a clear statement of the child's medical requirements.

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