



5b Administration of Pain Relief

Under normal circumstances, we at Abbeydale Cottage Nursery, consider children who require pain relief to be administered at regular intervals during the day to be unfit to attend nursery.

However, we also recognise that in exceptional circumstance, a child may require staff to administer non-prescription pain relief medicine (Calpol) during the day for short periods.

Examples of exceptional circumstances, when we would consider administering pain relief medicine is, where a child returns to nursery after a suitable period of rest and recuperation but requires temporary relief for a fracture or closed wounds that have been stitched by a medical professional.

Exceptional Circumstances Procedure

- A parent or person with parental responsibility should make a request for staff to administer non-prescription medicine for pain relief to a member of the management team – Amy Ricardo, Jodi Curphey, Claire Carroll, Su Curphey
- Parents/person with parental responsibility should speak directly to a member of the management team before their child returns to nursery
- Requests will be considered on an individual, case by case basis (also see medicine policy and sickness and illness policy)
- If the case is exceptional, a description of the circumstances in which pain relief should be administered by staff, will be recorded on the medication form and signed by a member of the management team to authorise pain relief to be administered under the specific circumstances outlined on the medication form
- Usual protocol for administration of medicine will then be followed (see 5a medicine policy)

Our policy reflects our statutory duty and guidance from both the Department of Education and Ofsted regarding administration of medicines in early years -

- A provider cannot decide for themselves that a child needs to have a pain or fever reliever
- Settings do not have to administer medicines
- Settings have the right to refuse a child if considered too unwell to attend
- Pain relief medicine can only be administered for a maximum of three consecutive days (unless longer use is authorised by a medical practitioner)

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
<i>September 2019</i>		<i>Annually</i>