

Paracetamol, Calpol Policy

Springboard Nursery can administer all medications prescribed by a doctor (please see medication policy). However, Paracetamol/ Calpol which has not been prescribed by a doctor can be administered for children only once in a day, and for no more than three consecutive days (details below).

Practitioners within the setting are all paediatric first aid trained, but staff are not nurses/ doctors.

Paracetamol/ Calpol for under two's

- Paracetamol/ Calpol will be administered ONLY with prior consent from a parent/ carer – unless the child has a temperature of 39*c +, this will then be classed as a 'medical emergency' – as the child may be at risk of convulsions. All parent/ carers have completed the necessary paperwork in relation to emergency care within their child's personal details form.
- If the child of 2 years or under appears to be in pain with teething e.g. rosey cheeks, dribbling, pulling at their ears – then Paracetamol/ Calpol can be administered ONLY with consent from the parent/ carer.
- Paracetamol/ Calpol will not be administered more than once in a day – it is suggested that if a child needs Paracetamol/ Calpol twice a day there may be an underlying illness/ problem, therefore the child will be sent home.
- If the child has a high temperature and appears unwell, the policy is that the child stays at home for the next 24 hours.

Paracetamol/ Calpol over two years.

- Calpol will not be administered to a child over two years unless prescribed by a doctor, or for emergency care.

Medicine will be given if needed by a senior practitioner and witnessed by another member of staff. All medication will be documented on arrival by the parent/ carer with amount/ time and date and an acknowledgment signature on Family.

Parent/ carers are then asked to acknowledge this out on Family on collection.

If a child suffers with febrile convulsions, then an individual healthcare plan will be in place, this will enable Paracetamol/ Calpol to be administered if necessary.

** Calpol / paracetamol will NOT be administered if the child has not been in the nursery for less than 4 hours unless we have spoken directly to the parent/carer to ensure they have NOT had any medication at home – this prevents any form of overdose of paracetamol/ calpol.

**If medications are prescribed by a doctor, we MUST see the prescription label and ensure this medication is prescribed for the child and in date prior to administration.

This policy was implemented by Springboard Management Team: please note all policies and procedures will be reviewed on a yearly basis, unless there is a need to implement changes prior. Please note any updates and changes will be forwarded by email.

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