Health, Illness and Medication Policy

The Health and Safety of the children in our care at Auckland House Nursery is paramount, therefore, it is essential that all parents/carers leave several contact telephone numbers so that if a child is seriously unwell, they can be contacted immediately, and their child can be picked up immediately.

Parents/Carers will be asked to keep their children at home if they are suffering from or showing signs of diarrhoea, vomiting, a temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees centigrade or above, chickenpox, measles, mumps, meningitis or hepatitis. In any of these cases we ask parents/carers to inform nursery staff as to the nature of the illness, so that other parents can be notified, and careful observations of other children can be made. **A child should not return to nursery until they have been free from an infectious disease for at least 48 hours; including diarrhoea and vomiting.**

Administering medication

If a child needs to be administered medicines, written permission is required from parents/carers and exact instructions must be left. Parents/carers must sign the medication form when leaving the medication instructions and upon picking their child up from nursery. The nursery must also be informed of when the last dose of medication was administered to the child, this should always be noted on the medication consent form. If a child is on antibiotics they will not be permitted to enter the nursery until the medication has been administered for two days or more.

If a child needs to administer medicine a qualified senior member of staff will always be the one to administer the medicine and to write down exactly when and how much medicine was given. The amount of medicine about to be given should always be checked first by another qualified member of staff before it is administered to the child.

If a parent/Carer requests that you give a child medicine with instructions from a doctor, a dose that exceeds the amount recommended on the bottle, written permission must be gained from the parent and doctor before this is carried out.

Medication which has a ‘written prescription’ for a child can be administered if needed in nursery. Other ‘over the counter’ medications which have been recommended by a pharmacist or nurse such as teething gels, when a child is teething, or painkiller medicines when a child has a temperature can also be administered by a qualified senior member of staff with written consent from the parent/carer.

Nappy rash cream can be applied by nursery staff provided the parents/carer specifies when the cream should be applied and how much to apply. The nappy rash cream supplied must be a recognised nappy cream that can be purchased at a chemist.

When children have immunisations, to enable the child to be closely monitored in the event of them feeling unwell or having a temperature, they are not to return to the nursery for the next 24 hours ensuring that they are in a restful environment at home.

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