

Kidsworld Nursery Illness and Medication Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

Kidsworld Nursery is committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of all children. This policy outlines procedures for managing illness, administering medication, and ensuring proper storage, in compliance with legal regulations.

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

This policy follows:

- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Children Act 1989 & 2004
- The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2023
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002
- Public Health England's Guidance on Infection Control

3. ILLNESS POLICY

- Children who are unwell should not attend nursery to prevent infections from spreading.
- If a child becomes unwell at nursery, parents/emergency contacts will be informed immediately.
- Staff will follow Public Health England's recommended exclusion periods for infectious diseases.

4. GP-PRESCRIBED MEDICATION POLICY

- Only medication prescribed by a General Practitioner (GP), dentist, nurse, or pharmacist will be administered.
- Medication must be in its original packaging with a prescription label including:
 - Child's name
 - Dosage and frequency
 - Date of prescription
 - Expiry date

5. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

- Parents must complete and sign a Medication Consent Form.
- A staff member and witness must be present during administration.
- Each dose given will be recorded and signed by staff and a witness.
- Parents will receive a daily report of administered medication.

6. MEDICATION STORAGE PROCEDURES

- ****Room Temperature Storage**:** Stored in a locked medicine cabinet in the designated medical area.
- ****Refrigerated Storage**:** Stored in a locked medical fridge at 2°C - 8°C with temperature logs.
- ****Emergency Medication**:** Clearly labeled and accessible for immediate use.

7. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR SEVERE REACTIONS

- Administer emergency medication immediately.
- Call 999 for medical assistance.
- Contact the child's GP and parents.
- A staff member will accompany the child to the hospital.

8. CONTACTING A CHILD'S GP

- Staff will contact the child's registered GP for any medication reactions or concerns.
- GP contact details must be provided by parents upon registration.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS & STAFF

- ****Parents**** must ensure medications are in-date and labeled correctly.
- ****Staff**** must complete training on medication administration and record-keeping.

10. POLICY MONITORING & REVIEW

- Reviewed annually and updated as required.
- Staff receive annual refresher training.

For concerns, contact:

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- Stockport Local Authority Health & Safety Team: 0161 474 4777
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