

# Auchinloch Nursery



## ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES POLICY

<b>Name of Nursery</b>	Auchinloch Nursery
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### Policy Statement

Auchinloch Primary School and Nursery will undertake to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation and guidance in '**Management of medication in Day-care of children and child-minding service' 2014** with regard to making proper provision for the health, welfare and safety of service users.

This is our policy with clear procedures for supporting children with medical requirements, including managing medicines in our establishment.

Responsibility for all administration of medicines at Auchinloch Primary School and Nursery is held by Andrew Brown who is the Service Manager.

Day to day decisions will be taken by the nursery staff with the support of Christine Marshall, our First Aider.

It is our policy to ensure that all medical information will be treated confidentially by the responsible manager and staff under the Data Protection Act 1998.

All administration of medicines is arranged and managed in accordance with the protocols detailed in this document. All staff have a duty of care to follow and co-operate with the requirements of this policy.

### Aims & Objectives

Our administration of medicine requirements will be achieved by:

- Establishing principles for safe practice in the management and administration of:
  - ❖ prescribed medicines
  - ❖ non-prescribed medicines
  - ❖ maintenance drugs
  - ❖ emergency medicine
- Providing clear guidance to all staff on the administration of medicines.
- Ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of appropriately trained staff to manage and administer medicines.

- Ensuring that there are suitable and sufficient facilities and equipment available to aid the safe management and administration of medicines.
- Ensuring the above provisions are clear and shared with all who may require them.
- Ensuring the policy is reviewed periodically or following any significant change which may affect the management or administration of medicines.

## **Administration of Medicines**

The administration of medicines is the overall responsibility of the parents. Nursery staff will be responsible for ensuring children are supported with their medical needs whilst on site, and this may include managing medicines where appropriate and agreed with parents.

Parents will complete the Administering of Medicines form. All medicines will be stored away from the reach of all children in the medicine cupboard.

### **Routine Administration**

#### **Prescribed medicines**

- It is our policy to manage prescribed medicines (eg. antibiotics, inhalers) where appropriate following consultation, agreement and written consent from the parents.

#### **Non-prescribed medicines**

- It is our general policy not to take responsibility for the administration of non-prescribed medicines, (eg. Calpol or cough mixtures provided by the parents) as this responsibility rests with the parents.
- On occasions when children require paracetamol it is our policy to administer, providing that written consent from the parents has been received in advance.
- Children under 16 years old are never to be administered aspirin or medicines containing Ibuprofen unless prescribed by a doctor.
- Responsibility for decision-making about the administration of all non-prescribed medicines will always be at the discretion of the responsible manager who may decide to administer under certain miscellaneous or exceptional circumstances.

#### **Maintenance drugs**

- It is our policy to manage the administration of maintenance drugs (eg. Insulin) as appropriate following consultation, agreement and written consent from the parents. On such occasions, a health care plan will be written for the child concerned.

### **Non-Routine Administration**

#### **Emergency medicine**

- It is our policy (where appropriate) to manage the administration of emergency medicines such as (for example):
  - ❖ Injections of adrenaline for acute allergic reactions
  - ❖ Oral Midazolam for major fits
  - ❖ Injections of Glucagon for diabetic hypoglycaemia
- In all cases, professional training and guidance from a competent source will be received before commitment to such administration is accepted.

## **Procedure for Administration**

When deciding upon the administration of medicine needs for children we will discuss this with the parents concerned and make reasonable decisions about the level of care required.

Any child required to have medicines will have an 'administration of medicines' consent form completed by the parent and kept on file.

Individual health care plans will be completed for children where required and reviewed periodically in discussion with the parents to ensure their continuous suitability.

**If a child refuses to take medication the parents will be informed the earliest available opportunity by telephone by a member of staff. Parents and carers will then be given written notification that refusal of medicine has taken place during the session. Parents and carers will then sign the tear off slip at the end of the session, which staff will keep for our own records.**

## **Contacting Emergency Services**

When a medical condition causes the child to become ill and/or requires emergency administration of medicines, then an ambulance will be summoned at the earliest opportunity.

## **Medical Accommodation**

The kitchen area in the nursery will be used for medicine administration purposes. The school office also be made available when required.

## **Training**

Where staff are required to carry out non-routine or more specialised administration of medicines or emergency treatment to children, appropriate professional training and guidance from a competent source will be sought before commitment to such administration is accepted.

A 'staff training record' sheet will be completed to document the level of training undertaken.

Such training will form part of the overall training plan and refresher training will be scheduled at appropriate intervals.

## **Storage**

The storage of medicines is the overall responsibility of the head teacher who will ensure that arrangements are in place to store medicines safely.

The storage of medicines will be undertaken in accordance with product instructions and in the original container in which the medicine was dispensed.

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that the received medicine container is clearly labeled with the name of the child, the name and dose of the medicine and the frequency of administration.

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide medicine that is in date. This should be agreed with the parents at the time of acceptance of on-site administration responsibilities.

### **Disposal**

It is not the responsibility of Auchinloch Nursery to dispose of medicines. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that all medicines no longer required, including those which have date expired, are returned to a pharmacy for safe disposal.

'Sharps boxes' will always be used for the disposal of needles. Collection and disposal of the boxes will be locally arranged as appropriate.

### **Policy Review**

June 2019