



Medication – Information for Parents

At The Redbrick Day Nursery, children's health, safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. We work closely with parents to ensure that any medication needed during the nursery day is managed safely, appropriately and in line with current Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements.

Our General Approach

- Medication is only given at nursery when it is **essential** and would be detrimental to your child's health if it were not administered during the day.
- We follow strict procedures to ensure medication is administered safely and accurately.
- Written parental permission is required **every time** medication is given.

Prescription Medication

- Prescription medicines can only be administered if they have been prescribed specifically for your child by a doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist.
- Medicines must be provided in their **original container**, clearly labelled with:
 - Your child's name
 - Dosage instructions
 - Expiry date
- We cannot accept medicines that have been removed from their original packaging or where dosage instructions have been altered.

Non-Prescription Medication

- We do not routinely administer non-prescription medicines.
- In some circumstances, infant paracetamol, ibuprofen or teething gel may be administered if it is in your child's best interests.
- The same strict procedures apply as for prescription medicines, including written consent, exact dosage and times.
- We reserve the right to refuse non-prescription medication if it is being requested frequently, as this may indicate an underlying illness.

For safety reasons, we do **not** administer cough and cold medicines, vapour rubs, inhalant decongestants or home remedies.



Parental Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for:

- Informing us of their child's medical needs or conditions
- Providing clear written consent via EYLog
- Ensuring medicines are in date and correctly labelled
- Informing staff of the last dose given at home

Staff cannot complete medication forms on behalf of parents.

How Medication Is Given

- Medication is administered by trained members of staff only.
- Two members of staff are present when medication is given to ensure accuracy and safety.
- All medication administration is recorded and shared with you on the same day.

Storage of Medicines

- All medicines are stored safely and securely, in line with manufacturer instructions.
- Emergency medicines, such as inhalers or adrenaline pens, are kept readily accessible to the child at all times.

Long-Term or Ongoing Medication

- If your child requires regular medication over a longer period, we will agree a clear plan with you.
- This ensures medication is administered consistently and safely, while keeping you fully informed.

Asthma and Emergency Medication

- Children with asthma must have a reliever inhaler available at nursery at all times.
- We work with parents to complete an individual health care plan outlining triggers, symptoms and emergency procedures.
- Staff are trained to recognise the signs of an asthma attack and will act quickly and calmly if one occurs.



Outings

- Medication and emergency treatments are always taken on outings where required.
- A trained member of staff is designated to carry and administer medication while away from the nursery.

Our Commitment to Safety

All staff receive regular training and follow clear procedures to ensure medication is managed safely. Our policies are reviewed regularly to reflect current guidance and best practice.

If you have any questions about medication at nursery, please speak to a member of the management team, who will be happy to help.