



Round and Round the Gardens Childcare

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Illness and Medication

Nursery is an ideal environment for the spread of infection and infectious disease. Young children in a nursery environment may be more susceptible to infection and infectious diseases because:

- They have an immature immune system and will not have had previous encounters with some micro-organisms which cause infection
- They will not have completed their full course of childhood immunisations
- Their degree of close contact with other young susceptible children
- Their lack of understanding, due to their age, of the importance of good, consistent hygiene practices
- The tactile nature of children's play and their natural, appropriate intimacy and curiosity with others and things.

We obviously aim to provide all children in our care with a safe environment for growth, development and learning. Good infection control measures are therefore essential to protect both children and staff. This can only be achieved through education, awareness and in partnership with parents/carers.

Children who are unwell:

Children who are unwell should not be brought to Nursery.

If your child has vomited or has had diarrhoea then they need to remain at home for a period of 48 hours following their last bout of either illness, in accordance with the 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other childcare settings'. This is to prevent the spread of these illnesses amongst the children in our care and also our staff.

Common sense should be applied with regard to seasonal coughs and colds, however, the provision, as it has always done, will contact parents/carers to discuss illness and may ask that your child goes home if they are found to be too ill/unwell, temperature and/or considered to be infectious/contagious. This has always been the case and has been agreed with the parents/carers on



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registration: Point 11 on the provision's registration form reads as follows – *"If a child becomes unwell during the day, we will contact you to discuss the situation and may ask you to collect your child. We have the right to refuse entry to children who we feel are sick in accordance with child protection guidelines"*

Administration of Antibiotics

From Tuesday 1st November 2011, in a change to our policy Round and Round the Gardens Childcare will administer Antibiotics to children in their care under the following circumstances –

- Children on antibiotics are required to **spend 24 hours away from the nursery provision from the start of the course**. As antibiotics have the risk of causing allergic reactions it is vitally important that children are monitored closely by their parents/ carers in the first 24 hours of these medicines. This is in **ALL** cases, whether a child has had the same antibiotic previously. Usually, children who are administered antibiotics from their GP are considered to be poorly enough to warrant them. Therefore, in accordance with guidance from the Health care Protection Agency (HPA) our policy is a 24 hours period of absence to also prevent spread of infection. This may be extended to 48 hours depending on the illness of the child and is at the settings discretion. We would ask that you contact us before the return of your child to the setting so that we can discuss this matter.
- We will only administer antibiotics to children who are in the **setting for more the 6 hours per day**.
- We will only administer **ONE DOSE** of antibiotics per day.
- All antibiotics need to be clearly labelled by a pharmacist with the child's name, dosage and date prescribed and expiry date. We will not accept antibiotics without these labels. We will not administer any antibiotics prescribed for short term illnesses that are 14 days past the date of prescription.
- If at anytime we do not think that your child is well enough to attend the setting we have the right to send the child home or refuse attendance.
- Under ALL circumstances parent or carers are required to complete a Medicine Administration form. Staff will not administer Antibiotics without this signed and completed form. Therefore parents and carers must ensure that they have enough time to complete this form and sign when they collect.
- If at any time we are not 100% happy or satisfied with the situation surrounding the admission of Antibiotics we have the right to refuse these medicines.



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In addition: We WILL administer on completion of the provision's medical consent form and with a supporting letter from your child's GP:

- Calpol – febrile convulsions **ONLY**
- Ritalin
- Asthma & Eczema preparations
- Adrenalin medication or medication specific for allergies

We feel that this policy introduces a degree of individual flexibility whilst still ensuring that the child is at the centre of all we do. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.