



Medication Policy/illness policy

Earlybirds strives to promote the good health of all children attending the setting, and have adopted the following procedure for responding to children who are ill and to prevent the spread of infection, in line with the Statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (effective 3 April 2017 3.44-3.46). We are happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but not if they are unwell, have a high temperature or are infectious.

If your child is taken ill at Earlybirds we will contact you immediately, following the contact details you have provided.

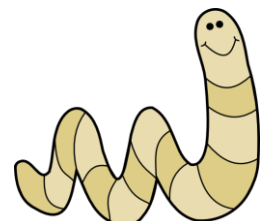
In the interests of the other children, it is important that your child is well before returning to Earlybirds. To avoid the spread of infection we follow the official **Public Health England** guidelines which state that the child must be kept away from preschool until any vomiting and diarrhoea have stopped for at least 48 hours. If you are unsure about the infectious period for any other illness please consult your GP or health professional.

If your child needs to be given medication during the day you will be required to complete a **medication form** giving consent for a member of staff to administer. **Prescribed medication** must be in its original labelled packaging with the child's name and prescription details, for staff to check. They must be prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist. **Non-prescribed medication** must be clearly labelled with the child's name and details of administration and must be in date. Medication forms must be signed at the end of the day and medication returned to parents/carers.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics we ask that your child stay at home for at least 48 hours after commencing treatment to ensure they do not have an allergic reaction, and are well enough to return.

Children who require **Asthma inhalers** are requested to provide an inhaler to Earlybirds which can be kept on the premises for use as necessary.

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If your child requires long term medication that requires specialist training (eg: epi pen, insulin) staff will require training prior to your child attending the preschool. Staff will complete a medical care plan.

We are unable to administer **pain relief** including Calpol and Nurofen , unless prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist.

Earlybirds staff will apply **nappy cream** as provided by parents/carers, including the following brands - Sudocream, Metanium, Bepanthen, Weleda, Johnson's, Drapolene.

This policy is reviewed annually.

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