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CALPOL POLICY

You child's health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us here at Oakbridge Little learners.

Parents must inform staff if they have administered medications such as Calpol or other pain relief or antihistamine to a child prior to them coming into nursery. This information is vital if we need to call for medical assistance.

In the case of a child arriving at nursery having had Calpol at home, depending on the reason for the dose the following will apply:

- If the Calpol has been administered to lower a high temperature then the child must stay at home until a normal temperature is maintained without any medication being required.
- If the child has had Calpol as a pain relief then the parents will be informed that after a 3 hour period, if the child is still unwell then they should expect a call for their child to be collected.

Temperature

Body temperatures vary slightly from child to child but the normal temperature of both babies and young children should be around 36.4c – 37.5c. A normal body temperature for infants can be impacted by their level of activity and what they are wearing. We recognise that a child can 'run hot' as a normal for them and we would considering this when making a call to parents/caregivers that their child has a high temperature but shows no other signs of becoming unwell.

If a child's temperature reaches 38c or above and yet does not show any other signs of being unwell, we will inform you by phone or text messages and continue to monitor the child regularly for any changes.

For those parents/caregivers of a child that are known to 'run hot' as a normal temperature, 38c may only be slightly above their normal temperature and therefore when informed of their child having a high temperature and on other signs of being unwell, parents/caregivers may request that they be given Calpol to bring their temperature down. At such times we would require prior written permission to administer Calpol following a phone call/text to inform you of your child's condition before doing so.

In all cases of a child that shows obvious signs of becoming ill, to be in pain or developing a rash **along side** a raised temperature of 38c or above, we would call you to come and collect your child from nursery.



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In all cases of a child with a high temperature, we will do our best to help them to drink plenty of fluids whilst waiting for the parent/caregiver to collect them.

In some instances a child can appear to be unwell but not have a raised temperature such as teething. Where parents/caregivers have informed staff that their child is teething, we would ask that a teething powder/gel/product of their preference is provided for staff to administer.

If your child has not been themselves at home but is not showing signs of illness when brought into nursery, please make a member of staff aware so that we can monitor your child and update you where required throughout the day.

Emergency Medication

In some certain circumstances it may be possible for your child to need 'emergency medication', such as paracetamol (Calpol) to help bring their high temperature (37.8 or above) down. Oakbridge Little Learners do keep Calpol on site to be used in an emergency situation or alongside our temperature in nursery policy.

High temperatures in children can be dangerous and can develop into febrile convulsions.

If this is the case nursery will have some emergency medication on site.

This medication will only be administered once consent has been gained from the parents/carers via telephone call, the parent/carer must then sign a medication form on collection of their child. The member of staff will document the dose and time given as per the instructions on the bottle and be signed by more than one member of staff.

The child will then be monitored for the next 2 hours, and if the temperature is not brought down then the parents/carers will be called again to collect their child.

Administering 'emergency' non-prescription medication will be a last resort and the nursery staff will use other methods first to try and alleviate the symptoms. The child will be closely monitored until the parents collect the child.