



Consent to administer Calpol/Nurofen

As part of our ongoing commitment to protecting the welfare of all children at St Marks Pre-school and in line with recently updated guidance, from 1st December 2020 we will administer Calpol or Nurofen as part of our first aid response to managing a high temperature in a child.

At St Marks Pre-school it is not our policy to care for sick children, who should be at home until they are well enough to return to Pre-School. As high temperatures in young children can lead to febrile convulsions which can be triggered by the body temperature rising rapidly above 38°C, Calpol or Nurofen will be administered to children who have a low grade or high temperature.

Children will be sent home if they develop a fever at Pre-School and/or have had Calpol/Nurofen administered. The Pre-School reserves the right to refuse future admittance if the pre-school has had to administer Calpol for two consecutive days or Nurofen for more than one day and will request parents seek a GP appointment.

Each time Calpol/Nurofen is given, the Pre-School procedure for administering medication will be adhered to. The Pre-School will always endeavour to contact a parent/guardian on the phone to advise them that Calpol/Nurofen will be/has been administered to their child in the following circumstances.

°C	°F	What this means	What to do
36 -37.2	96.8 -99.0	Normal temperature	No action required
37.4 - 37.8	99.3 - 110.1	Low grade fever	Contact parents, administer Calpol/Nurofen and monitor child. Child must be collected within an hour.
38 -39.9	110.4 - 103.3	High fever	Administer Calpol or Nurofen, contact parents to request immediate collection.

Calpol will be administered as per the guidelines set out by Calpol as per the age of the child.

Child's age	How much - up to 4 times a day
2-4 years	7.5ml
4-6 years	10 ml

Nurofen will be administered as per the guidelines set out by Nurofen as per the age of the child.

Child's age	How much -up to 3 times in 24 hours
1-3 years	5mls max 3 times in 24 hours
4-6 years	7.5ml max 3 times in 24 hours

Exceptional operating circumstances

During the current pandemic, the pre-school will remain alert to the symptoms of COVID-19. If a child develops a temperature of 37.8°C or above, Calpol/Nurofen will be administered but parents will be contacted and asked to:

- collect their child immediately
- book a COVID-19 test

- self-isolate as a family until the test result is known
- inform the pre-school of the test result immediately

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Prior written permission is required before the administering of, and specified choice of Calpol or Nurofen.

I consent/do not consent to the administration of

Calpol

or

Nurofen

In the event of my child: (name).....developing a low grade or high fever.

Parents name:..... Parents signature:

Date: