

The Hollow Lane Club



Medication and Sickness Guidelines for Parents/Carers

The Hollow Lane Club works closely with Ellen Tinkham School and the Health Authorities in order to provide the club with effective support and guidance for meeting needs of those attending. Ellen Tinkham School has a Paediatric Nurse on staff. If deemed appropriate, Hollow Lane Club will employ Nursing staff during our Summer Club hours to support the medical needs of children and young people attending sessions.

There are some playworker staff that have volunteered to be responsible in the administering of medication, such as rectal diazepam, after having been trained by a qualified person.

How can you help us

- **Do not** send your child to the club if they are unwell.
- Parents are asked to provide the club with a contact number where they can be reached in emergencies.
- Provide full details of any health problems your child may have and keep the club informed of any changes.
- Hand all medications to a responsible member of staff, do not leave it in your child's bag. Medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- **All children having medication at the club must have written consent from parents or guardians. Medicines that parents request to be given in school must be prescribed by a doctor, arrive in the original packet/bottle, have the child's name, the dose to be given, expiry or dispensed date on the packaging.**

Please note:

The club cannot be expected to take responsibility for any non-prescribed medicines, which may be brought into the club to help with minor ailments.

All medication, including emergency medication will be kept locked away.

You will be asked to collect your child from the club if:

- Your child has a temperature that has not responded to paracetamol. Paracetamol can only be given if the club has written permission from the parents/carers, and the medicine has been given with a named prescription label attached.
- Your child has a cold, which is obviously 'streaming', they look unwell and are unable to participate in the club's activities.

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- Your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting. Parents are asked to keep their child home until **48 hours after** the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
- A doctor has prescribed antibiotics, at least for the **first 48 hours** of treatment. A form will need to be signed by parents/carers before antibiotics can be given at the club.
- Your child has got an infection that can spread easily ie. impetigo or conjunctivitis.
- They have recently been admitted to hospital for surgery or illness.

The club does not have facilities to look after children who are sick.

Written with reference to:
Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings
(DfES/Department of Health, 2005)