

Medication



Grass Roots Nursery Group: Supporting Children with Medical Conditions

Purpose:

To outline the procedures for supporting children with medical conditions at Grass Roots Nursery Group, ensuring their well-being, inclusion, and access to appropriate care.

Key Principles:

- **Individualised Support:** We will provide individualised support tailored to each child's specific needs and medical condition.
- **Parent Partnership:** We will work closely with parents/carers to develop and implement comprehensive healthcare plans.
- **Safe and Inclusive Environment:** We will create a safe and inclusive environment where all children can participate fully in nursery life.
- **Professional Collaboration:** We will collaborate with healthcare professionals to ensure appropriate care and support.

Procedures:

- 1. Assessment and Identification:**
 - We will identify children with medical conditions through parent input, observations, and health assessments.
 - We will work with parents and healthcare professionals to assess the child's needs and develop an individualised healthcare plan.
- 2. Individual Healthcare Plans:**
 - Healthcare plans will outline specific support measures, including medication administration, emergency procedures, and accommodations for activities.
 - Plans will be reviewed regularly and updated as needed.
- 3. Staff Training and Support:**
 - Staff will receive training on supporting children with medical conditions, including medication administration, emergency procedures, and sensitivity training.
 - We will ensure adequate staffing levels to meet the needs of children with medical conditions.
- 4. Communication and Collaboration:**
 - We will maintain open communication with parents/carers, healthcare professionals, and other relevant parties.
 - We will collaborate with external agencies to provide comprehensive support.
- 5. Emergency Procedures:**
 - We will develop clear emergency procedures for children with medical conditions, including contact information for healthcare providers and emergency services.
 - Staff will be trained on these procedures and practise them regularly.
- 6. Inclusion and Participation:**
 - We will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that children with medical conditions can participate fully in nursery activities.
 - We will support children's emotional well-being and address any social or emotional challenges related to their condition.

Additional Considerations:

- **Medication Administration:** We will follow strict procedures for administering medication, ensuring safety and accuracy.
- **24 Hour Exclusion:** There is a 24-hour exclusion period after beginning antibiotics that have not been previously taken. This is a precautionary measure that helps to keep everyone healthy. It allows the medication to start taking effect, ensures the child is tolerating it well, and minimizes the chance of the illness spreading further in the nursery setting.
- **Consent:** We will obtain written consent from parents for medication administration and other medical procedures.
- **Confidentiality:** We will maintain confidentiality regarding children's medical information.
- **Review and Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with current best practices.

Specific Procedures:

Medication Administration:

- Medications will be stored securely in a designated area, following all relevant regulations.
- Staff will be trained in the proper administration of medications, including dosage, timing, and potential side effects.
- Medications will only be administered by authorised staff members who have received specific training.
- Written records will be kept of all medications administered, including date, time, dosage, and any observed side effects.

Emergency Procedures:

- Each child with a medical condition will have an emergency plan in place, outlining specific steps to be taken in case of a medical emergency.
- Emergency contact information will be readily available.
- Staff will be trained on emergency procedures, including first aid and CPR.
- A first-aid kit will be readily accessible in all areas of the nursery.

Inclusion and Participation:

- We will work with parents and healthcare professionals to identify any necessary accommodations or adjustments to ensure a child's full participation.
- This may include providing additional support, modifying activities, or adapting the environment.
- We will create a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where all children feel valued and accepted.

By following these procedures, we aim to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for children with medical conditions, ensuring their well-being and success.