

Sue Scarbro's Medication consent form

The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (medicines p.27 3.46) states: Medicine, both prescribed and non-prescribed, must only be administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent/carer. Providers must keep a written record each time a medicine is administered to a child and inform the child's parents on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practical.

If a parent or carer wants me to give their child medicine, I must get the parent's or carer's written permission, and instructions, showing the dose and frequency. This applies to each and every medicine I am required to give.

For example, I will need permission at the start of a course of antibiotics, but not for each dose during the course of the treatment.

I **must** keep a written record of the time and dosage each time the medication is given. It is good practice to ask parents to sign these entries.

Medication records must be kept for a reasonable amount of time after the child leaves my care as stated in the EYFS page 32, 3.71. I could decide to keep them until the Ofsted inspection following the child leaving. However, it is recommended that medication records are kept until the child reaches 21 years of age.

