



Medicine Policy

At Flower Pots we understand that children do become unwell. We also understand that some children are on long term medication or have medicines to prevent an allergy.

We work hard to prevent the spread of infections by:

- 1) Ensuring high standards of personal hygiene and practice, amongst our staff and the children in our care; particularly hand washing
- 2) Maintaining a clean environment
- 3) Adhering to the Health Protection for Schools, Nurseries & other Childcare facilities guidance issued by Public Health England.

Medicine:

We will only administer medication that has been **prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse, or pharmacist** and is:

- In its **original container**
- Clearly labelled with:
 - Original box
 - Child's name
 - Dosage
 - Date
 - Storage instructions
- Detailed in the care instructions of the child's full Health Care Plan.

Children's medication will be stored in their rooms in a clip-top plastic box with their condensed Room Health Care Plan inside. The box must have the child's photograph, full name and medical allergy details on the lid and it must travel from room to garden and from room to room with them.

Emergency Medication Administration :

Parents/carers must complete a **Medication Consent Form** on Family before any medication is administered. All medicine held on site must be reviewed every three months to check expiry dates and if this is still required. Out-of-date medication will be returned to parents.

Call 999 immediately if the reaction is severe (anaphylaxis symptoms).

Administer prescribed emergency medication (e.g. EpiPen, Piriton) only if:

- It is clearly labelled for that child.
- Parental consent has been signed.



- The child has a documented Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP).

If Piriton is not prescribed (and not on a IHCP) or you're unsure:

- Call 111 for guidance before giving any over-the-counter antihistamines.
- Inform parents immediately.

Exclusions:

For a detailed breakdown of public health exclusion periods, please refer to online guidance aimed at **Children and young people settings: tools and resources:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources>

All medicines are stored securely in a medicine box labelled with child's name and picture; this will then be either in a locked cupboard or refrigerated (if required).

Medicine on site:

There is a nursery Piriton stored in the Manager's office in case of emergency reactions. PFA staff are to call 111 before administering the medication for further advice. Parents must also be aware of the potential reaction. Piriton is only to be given following advice from a medical professional over the phone and if the child is over 1 years old.

If a child is given Piriton for the first time at nursery, they will be sent home for further monitoring.

The nursery has emergency Calpol on site within the setting should a child's temperature reach 38°C whilst at nursery (refer to sickness policy).