

1.18 Temperature Procedure

Policy Statement

- A temperature is 38 C (100F) or above.
- The temperature must be taken every 10mins and logged on a temperature sheet.
- When a child has a temperature you must do everything appropriately possible to reduce the temperature.
- If a child has a temperature of 38 C, they are kept cool by removing top clothing, but kept away from draughts. You may strip the child to their underwear and provide the child with as much water as possible to drink to reduce the risk of convulsion or dehydration.
- Parents are informed of their child's temperature. Verbal permission is obtained to give an agreed dose of Calpol. If the temperature fails to decrease within 30-45 minutes or if the temperature returns, parents are contacted again to collect their child as soon as possible. Once a parent has arrived, parent signs the form and this is kept on file
- If you cannot get through to the parent leave a message asking them to contact you as soon as possible.
- Give them half an hour, if you still have no reply then you must contact the emergency numbers and aske them to inform parents or they must come to collect the child.
- You must continue to log and reduce the temperature until parent/carer comes to collect the child.
- Once the parent has arrived take a copy of the sheet and give one copy to the parent and keep one on file.
- If the temperature fails to decrease and you cannot contact the parent or emergency contacts, the Manager/Deputy Manager may take the decision to administer Calpol if the child has been in nursery for more than 4 hours and if consent for Calpol form has previously been signed by the parent. Every endeavour to contact the parent will continue. If the temperature does not fall within 30-45mins or continues to rise-an ambulance will be called immediately.
- Collect the child's emergency contacts and the permission slip for emergency assistance.
- The child will be comforted whilst in our care