

Review of Childminding Ireland's Medical Consent Forms & Administration of Medicine

Childminding Ireland is currently reviewing its guidelines and code of practice for the administration of medicine, and seek your opinion and views on the following. Currently our guidance is as follows:

"No medication whatsoever, including prescription, herbal remedies, vitamin supplements, teething soothing preparation, ointments, creams, inhalants or any application for internal or external use may be administered to a minded child unless a written prescription from a medical doctor and/or letter of authorisation from parent/guardian with clear written instruction detailing dosage, frequency, application or use is supplied and retained by the Childminder for reference."

Childminding Ireland is considering adding the following to our code of practice:

Permission Slips to be signed by parent to treat child in the case of an emergency.

Forms to be signed if a child has to have an antibiotic or other medication during time with the Childminder.

In the case of a child needing medicine for the reduction of temperature, or for pain relief, parents should be contacted by telephone for authorization.

Note must be taken of the labelling of the medicine, such as name of child, date, name of pharmacist and dosage.

Care must be taken that medicines are not given without up to date prescriptions.

In the event of a child needing long term medication. A letter from a doctor should be provided stating that the child has a certain condition and that medication is necessary in certain circumstances.

The Childminder should be trained to be competent in the understanding and use of any medical applications required by a minded child.

Parents should complete an indemnity form (available from *Childminding Ireland*).

