



WHS.064 Permission to Dispense Paracetamol/Ibuprofen

Policy 2B.13 states:

An initial dose of Paracetamol/Ibuprofen may be administered for the purpose of lowering the child's temperature for children who have a signed permission form and parents request this step be taken.

In the interim and for children without a permission form, the following methods will be used to lower the temperature - removal of excess clothing, giving clear fluids, a damp cool face washer on face or back of neck, monitoring the child's behaviour (e.g. alertness).

Bathing a child or placing them in front of a fan is no longer recommended for the treatment of fever, as lowering the skin temperature can actually increase the core temperature of the child.

If the temperature continues to rise above 38 degrees, despite being given Paracetamol/Ibuprofen (for children with a signed permission form) and the above alternative methods have not worked and parents/guardians cannot be contacted, an ambulance will be called.

Our Service uses the following Paracetamol and/or Ibuprofen products;

Brand Name

Product Name

Details

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Product Name

Details

Parent/Guardian to complete

I **hereby authorise** an Educator/Representative of the Service to administer one dose of Paracetamol according to the dosage instructions stated on the bottle for my child's age and/or weight. I understand the potential risks and side effects of this medication

I **do not** authorise an Educator/Representative of the Service to administer Paracetamol to my child

Child's Name

Date of Birth

1st Parent/Guardian Name

1st Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Sign Here

2nd Parent/Guardian Name

2nd Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Sign Here