

Paracetamol

Purpose

Educators will only administer Paracetamol if designated indications are present. If a child develops an extremely high temperature (i.e. 39°C , normal range being 35°C - 37.7°C), then paracetamol may be given to reduce the risk of febrile convulsions.

Parent's/guardian's permission will be sought prior to giving paracetamol.

Parents will be required to collect their child from the centre.

Permission to administer paracetamol may be granted by parents/guardians through a written fax or by verbal permission (telephone) or by signing the medication book. Paracetamol will only be given if it is suspected that the child is at serious risk.

Paracetamol will only be given for TWO DAYS consecutively in any one week without a medical practitioner's note stating the child's name, medication, dose and time to be given.

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Sources and Further Reading	Health and Safety in Children's Centres-Model policies and practices 2 nd edition, Staying Healthy in Childcare: Preventing Infectious Disease in Child Care Education and Care Services National Regulations 2012 Regs 93-96
Related to NQS Q.A	2.1.1 and 2.1.4