



# Alcohol, Drugs and Adult Medication Policy

## Rationale

I am committed to keeping children safe while in my care and in order to do this effectively, it is important that neither I nor any other adult who is responsible for children is not under the influence of alcohol, medication or any other substance that would affect their ability to care for or respond to children's needs.

## Procedure

If I or anyone else working with children is taking medication that may affect their ability to care for children, medical advice will be sought to ensure that the medication is unlikely to affect the ability to care for children properly.

If I or anyone else working with the children has a reaction to medication during working hours, then that person will stop caring for the minded children. This may result in the emergency back-up plan being put in place. Parents/carers will be kept informed of any changes to the care arrangements for their child under these circumstances.

I or anyone else working with children will not work under the influence of any alcohol or illegal drugs whilst minding your child or immediately before.

All medication, drugs and alcohol will be securely stored out of the reach of children at all times.

I will not release the children into the care of any parent or carer who I have reason to believe is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If an alternative person is not available to collect the child then I will contact Social services following my safeguarding policy.

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