



MAYVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
*Founded in 1897*

## Early Years Foundation Stage

### Health Policy

#### Medicines

We promote the good health, including the oral health, of children attending the setting. We have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill.

#### **Policy, and procedure, for administering medicines.**

We hold children's health information on SchoolBase and on admission parents are required to give us information about a child's need for medicines, and for keeping this information up-to-date. Training is provided for staff where the administration of medicine requires medical or technical knowledge. Prescription medicines are not administered unless they have been prescribed for a child by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist (medicines containing aspirin should only be given if prescribed by a doctor).

Medicine (both prescription and non-prescription) is only administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer. We keep a written record on SchoolBase each time a medicine is administered to a child, and inform the child's parents and/or carers on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### Food and drink

Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, they must be healthy, balanced and nutritious. Before children are admitted to the setting we obtain information about any special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies that the child has, and any special health requirements.

Fresh drinking water is available and accessible to children at all times. We record and act on information from parents and carers about a child's dietary needs.

We have designated areas for the provision of healthy meals, snacks and drinks for children as necessary and facilities for hygienic preparation of food for children. All staff responsible for preparing and handling food undertake Food Hygiene training.

Any food poisoning affecting two or more children cared for on the premises will be reported within 14 days of the incident. We understand that failure to comply with this requirement is an offence.