



Information concerning the rules on medication in childcare and child education institutions

Procedure

Time and again parents and legal guardians approach the team of the childcare and child education institution with the request to give medicine prescribed by a doctor to their child during their stay in kindergarten (day care centre, after school care centre etc.)

It is however within the responsibility of the parents and medical doctors (and nursing staff respectively) to administer medicine to children.

The staff of the childcare and child education institution is principally not authorized by law to administer medicine. That implies all the more that it is **by no means obliged to do so**.

In exceptional cases the care of children is not possible if medicine is not given to them by the pedagogical staff team. In these cases **the pedagogical staff team can voluntarily agree** to administer the necessary medicine during the opening hours of the childcare and child education institution. As already mentioned there is no obligation to do so. The administration of medicine by the staff team can therefore only be requested but not demanded on the side of the parents.

In any case medication should only take place in clear agreement with the parents / legal guardians and strictly according to the instructions of a medical doctor. It has to be pointed out that according to Article 27 of the Styrian Childcare and Child Education Law the admission of the child in the institution is being made dependent upon the question whether the child is fit (healthy enough) to visit the institution according to the attestation of a medical doctor.