

## **BANSTEAD 5 HOLIDAY FUN WEEK MEDICATION GUIDELINES**

The prime responsibility for a child's health when they are attending B5 Holiday Fun Week rest with the parents/guardian of the child. Group leaders looking after a child undertake any medication supervision/giving as a voluntary activity. Group leaders are not obliged to do so.

### **Oral Medication**

#### **ANTIBIOTICS**

Any child taking antibiotics and is well enough to attend Holiday Fun Week must take the medication outside of the Holiday Fun Week day, i.e. At home before they are dropped off in the morning, during their lunch break and when they return home.

#### **PARACETAMOL/ OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES**

Group leaders and helpers will NOT administer non-prescribed medication to any child during Holiday Fun Week. If a child falls ill (NON EMERGENCY) while attending Holiday Fun Week a parent/guardian will be contacted to come and collect the child.

### **Inhalers and EpiPen**

The parents /guardians of a child that uses either an inhaler or an EpiPen must inform the morning group leader at the start of fun week and the individual afternoon activities leaders who in turn must inform the other helpers in their group and anyone connected with that child. A consent form needs to be filled out by the parent/guardian with clear written instruction on the actions and dose to be administered. Confirmation of whether the child can self-administer needs to be known.

EpiPens and Inhalers should always be readily available and kept in a safe but easily accessible place. All group leaders, helpers and the child to whom the EpiPen/Inhaler belongs must be made aware of the location. The EpiPen must be clearly labelled with the child's name. If an EpiPen has to be administered but the group leader /helper is unsure that it is an allergic reaction remember that the side effects of using an EpiPen are minimal compared with an untreated allergic reaction.

Wherever possible children should retain possession of and be responsible for their own inhaler. Any child that has used their inhaler must inform their group leader immediately and the parent/guardian must be informed.

