

## EYFS 2014 – Permissions

There has been a change to the required permissions. The EYFS 2014 states –

- **Requirement 3.43** – ‘Childminders must obtain parents and/or carers’ permission to leave children with an assistant, including for very short periods of time.’
- **Requirement 3.46** – ‘Medicine (both prescription and non-prescription) must only be administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child’s parent and/or carer.’
- **Requirement 2.5** – ‘Providers must have the consent of parents and / or carers to share information directly with other relevant professionals.’ Note that EYFS 2012 says ‘if they consider this would be helpful’ but this is missing from the EYFS 2014.

It is generally felt among childminders that information about taking children on outings should remain in the childminder’s list of information to be shared with parents, regardless of its omission from the EYFS 2014. A blanket outings statement might say –

- **Routine outings** – we will take your child on routine supervised outings (walking, on reins or in buggies). These outings might be to schools, the park, soft play, toddler groups, Children’s Centre, picnics, visiting friends, restaurants or cafes etc with or without your prior knowledge.
- **‘Special’ outings** – we might take your child on special outings to, for example, the zoo or farm. If we intend taking your child on a special outing we will do our best to speak to you in advance.
- **Outings in a vehicle** – we might take your child on outings in a vehicle. This might include outings by car, public transport, taxi, train or other vehicles. When travelling in any vehicle owned by us, it will have an MOT and childminding insurance. We will use our own restraints and car seats unless parents prefer us to use theirs - in which case they need to be provided on a daily basis.

Please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about outings we organise for your child.

**Other permissions** for childminders might include permission to –

- Take and use photographs / digital recordings
- Come into contact with pets / animals
- Share information with other settings
- Administer sun cream / nappy cream – non prescribed medication
- Allow children to sleep in a lie flat buggy

Be careful about asking permission to do things that you have to do to comply with the EYFS, such as asking permission to observe children or administer first aid. You would be in a very difficult position if parents said, ‘no’!

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‘Permissions’ over the coming months ... updates and replacements are free for current customers.