

First Aid

Promoting health and hygiene

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Policy statement

In our setting staff are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. At least one member of staff with current first aid training is on the premises or on an outing at any one time. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child 3.4 The wider context	

Procedures

The First Aid Kit

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and contains the following items: It is kept in a clean dry area and is readily available. It is checked on a regular basis to ensure that the contents are there, in date and the packaging is undamaged.

Triangular bandages (ideally at least one should be sterile) - x 4.

Sterile dressings:

- a) Small (formerly Medium No 8) - x 3.
- b) Medium (formerly Large No 9) – HSE 1 - x 3.
- c) Large (formerly Extra Large No 3) – HSE 2 - x 3.

Composite pack containing 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) plasters 1.

Sterile eye pads (with bandage or attachment) eg No 16 dressing 2.

Container or 6 safety pins 1.

Guidance card as recommended by HSE 1.

2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.

Two small plastic bags – for disposal of soiled wipes and dressings

Useful additions to the first aid equipment, each box should be supplied with:

2 crepe roller bandages

Round –ended scissors

Gauze square swabs

Adhesive tape

Notepad and pencil

Resuscitation face shields

1 plastic disposable apron.

A children's forehead 'strip' thermometer.

The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children. Once an item has been used it is replaced as soon as possible after the emergency is over.

No un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff.

At the time of admission to the setting, parents' written permission for emergency medical advice or treatment is sought. Parents sign and date their written approval.

Parents sign a consent form at registration allowing staff to take their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that parents have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.

Legal framework

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (1981)

Further guidance

First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE 1997)

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf

Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE 2006)

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf

Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE)

www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/4421/GFAS.pdf

