

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.

Promoting health and hygiene

1.20 First aid

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 |
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| 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 only:

- Triangular bandages (ideally at least one should be sterile)
- Sterile dressings: small, medium and large
- Antiseptic wipes
- Kitchen plasters (blue)
- Safety scissors
- Tweezers
- Composite pack containing 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) plasters 1.
- Sterile eye pads (with bandage or attachment)
- Container or 6 safety pins 1.
- Guidance card as recommended by HSE 1.

In addition to the first aid equipment, each box should be supplied with:

- 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
- A children's forehead 'strip' thermometer.

- The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.
- 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 (this is on the registration form).
- Parents sign a consent form at registration allowing staff to seek immediate medical attention.

Legal framework

- Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (2013)

Further guidance

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE Revised 2009)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE Revised 2008)
- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE)

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| This policy was adopted at a meeting of | _____ | name of setting |
| Held on | _____ | (date) |
| Date to be reviewed | _____ | (date) |
| Signed on behalf of the management | _____ | |
| Name of signatory | _____ | |
| Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) | _____ | |

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Medication Record (2006)