

6.7 First aid

Policy statement

We are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. At least one adult with a current first aid certificate is on our premises, at any one time. Newly qualified staff who achieved an early years qualification at level 2 or 3 on or after 30 June 2016 also have a paediatric first aid certificate in order to be counted in the adult:child ratios. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. We have evidence of due diligence when choosing first aid training and ensure that it is relevant to adults caring for young children.

Procedures

The first aid kit

Our first aid kit is accessible at all times and contains the following items

- Triangular bandages (one should be sterile) x 4
 - Sterile dressings:
 - Small x 3.
 - Medium x 3.
 - Large x 3.
 - Composite pack containing 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) plasters x 1.
 - Sterile eye pads (with bandage or attachment) e.g. No 16 dressing x 2.
 - Container of 6 safety pins x 1.
 - Guidance card as recommended by HSE x 1
 - A copy of the emergency plan
 - 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
 - 1 plastic disposable apron.
 - A children's forehead 'strip' thermometer.
 - Eye wash station
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- Information about who has completed first aid training and the location of the first aid box is provided to all our staff and volunteers.
 - The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children. The main box is located in the Woodland Cabin.
 - The named person in the setting who is responsible for checking and replenishing the first aid box contents/I regularly check and replenish the first aid box contents is **Nick Goldsmith**.
 - This will be done on a monthly basis, with the first aid checklist endorsed accordingly.
 - Each member of staff qualified in first aid has their own 'mobile first aid kit' which they keep in their 'grab bag' and is easily accessible at all times. This grab bag will accompany them in all parts of the woodland.

As a minimum, this will contain:

- 5 x plasters
- 1 x sterile dressing
- 1 x eye wash
- 1 x pair of gloves.
- A copy of the emergency plan

Staff members will be allocated this on their induction. It is their responsibility to ensure they have this on them at all times and that the contents are checked and replenished as and when required.

- Medication is only administered in line with our Administering Medicines policy.
- In the case of minor injury or accidents, first aid treatment is given by a qualified first aider.
- In the event of minor injuries or accidents, we normally inform parents when they collect their child, unless the child is unduly upset or we have concerns about the injury. In which case we will contact the child's parents for clarification of what they would like to do, i.e. whether they wish to collect the child and/or take them to their own GP.
- An ambulance is called for children requiring emergency treatment. We contact parents immediately and inform them of what has happened and where their child has been taken.
- Parents sign a consent form at registration allowing a member of staff to take their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that they have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.
- Accidents and injuries are recorded in our accident record book and, where applicable, notified to the Health and Safety Executive, Ofsted and/or local child protection agencies in line with our Recording and Reporting of Accident and Incidents Policy.
- A working mobile phone will be on site at all times.

Legal framework

- Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (1981)

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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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	<hr/> Owner <hr/>

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- First Aid Management Record (2016)
- Medication Administration Record (2015)