



### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Staff Qualifications, Training, Support and Skills**

At least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate is on the premises at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.

#### **Health**

The provider must ensure there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children. Providers must keep a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment.

## **3.2 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 half the adults on premises, or on an outing, at one time hold a current first aid certificate. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. We aim to ensure that first aid training is local authority approved and 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 (ideally at least 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.
- Gloves x 2

In addition, the following equipment is kept near to the first aid box:

- 1 plastic disposable apron.
- A children's forehead 'strip' thermometer.
- A supply of cold packs are kept in the fridge in each room or nearest fridge

- 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.
- We regularly check and replenish the first aid box contents.
- 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. Only one first aider is to treat the child unless they require assistance.
- In the event of minor injuries or accidents, we normally inform parents on an accident form via Family 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 on our accident record forms on Family 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.

## 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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On	11/1/21	<i>(date)</i>
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Signed on behalf of the provider		
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## Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Medication Record (2013)