

Promoting health and hygiene

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. All members of staff have current first aid training. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children.

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) - 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.

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

- 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
- 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. Held in reception area
- 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

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Little Explorers Pre-School
Held on	_____
Date to be reviewed	_____
Signed on behalf of the management committee	_____
Name of signatory	_____
Role of signatory (Chairperson)	Chairperson

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Medication Record (2006)