

**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

# 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. 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 child/adult ratios. We have evidence of due diligence when choosing first aid training and ensure that it is relevant to adults caring for 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<br>1.4 Health and wellbeing | 2.2 Parents as partners<br>2.4 Key person | 3.2 Supporting every Child<br>3.4 The wider context |                          |

### Procedures

#### Children’s First Aid Kit’s

We have 1 kit in the kitchen, 1 kit in the office and a smaller kit in the going out bag.

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and contains the following items only:

- Triangular bandages, sterile dressings, sterile eye pads, sterile gauze and saline pods.
- In addition to the first aid equipment, each box should be supplied with:
- disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
  - a children’s forehead ‘strip’ thermometer ear thermometer.
  - The first aid boxes are easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.
  - No un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff.
  - On our registration form we ask “do we have your consent to obtain the appropriate medical assistance, in the case of an emergency? Parents sign and date their written approval on our registration form.

### Legal

**We keep a written record of all accidents to staff and children and first aid treatment given. Parents/carers are informed of any accident or injury sustained by the child on the same day or as soon as reasonably practical.**

**We will advise Ofsted and our SPOA of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, any child whilst in our care and the action to be taken. Notification must be made within 14 days of the incident occurring.**

- Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (1981) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2013

**Further guidance**

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE 2002)

[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf)

- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE)

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/4421/GFAS.pdf](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/4421/GFAS.pdf)

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