

3.2 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 a current first aid certificate 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. We ensure that first aid training is local authority approved and is relevant to staff caring for young children.

Procedures

The first aid kit

Our first aid kit is accessible at all times, complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and contains the following items:

- Triangular bandages x4
- Protective face shield x1
- Assorted hypo-allergenic plasters x20
- Roll of hypo-allergenic tape
- Sterile dressings:
 - a) Small x3
 - b) Medium x6
 - c) Large x2
- Sterile eye pads x2
- Sterile swabs x10
- Finger bandage x1
- Guidance card as recommended by HSE x1

In addition to the first aid equipment, each box will be applied with:

- 2 pairs of disposable plastic gloves
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 plastic disposable apron
 - A children's thermometer
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- 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
 - At the time of each child's admission to the setting, parents' written permission for obtaining 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 hospital.

Legal Framework

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (1981)