

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

1.20 First aid

Policy statement

In Pre School 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. If off site for Forest School then a member of staff with Forest School first aid must be present. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.3 Keeping safe 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child 3.4 The wider context	

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. There are more than one on the premises with one being kept indoors, one for the garden and one for when off premises.
- No un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff.
- At the time of admission to the Pre School, 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.
- A first aid book recording accidents had by child or adult to be kept at all times and reviewed regularly to see any reoccurring accidents. This must be signed by parents when collecting. Head injuries or suspected broken bones parents to be informed immediately. In these circumstances a copy of the incident and how dealt to be given to parents.
- A child coming into the setting with an injury to be dealt with member of staff and parent, first aid book to be filled in with parents.

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)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

St Marys Church
Pre School

Held on

Date to be reviewed

Yearly

Signed on behalf of the management
committee

Name of signatory

Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- Medication Record (2006)