

First Aid Policy

Aim:

At Playdays Preschool 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 paediatric qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children.

Method:

First Aid Kit

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulation 1981 and contains but not limited to the following items:

- Triangular bandages
- Sterile dressings in a range of sizes
- Individually wrapped plasters
- Sterile eye pads
- Safety pins
- Guidance card as recommended by HSE of first aid training provider
- Disposable gloves
- Disposable apron
- Thermometer

The first aid box is kept in the kitchen and is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.

Emergency Treatment

When enrolling children into the preschool, permission is sought from the parents authorising emergency medical treatment or advice to be sought. Parents sign and date their written approval. They also sign to authorise staff to escort their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency department to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding parents have been informed and are on their way to hospital. At no time will children be escorted in staff cars. An ambulance must be called.

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 (DfE)