

3.2 First aid

Policy statement

We are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. At Hopscotch Pre-school all staff hold a current first aid certificate. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. We have evidence of due diligence when choosing first aid training and ensure that it is relevant to adults caring for young children.

Procedures

The first aid kit

Our first aid kits in each classroom are accessible at all times and contains the following items:

Triangular bandages (ideally at least one should be sterile) x 4.

- Sterile dressings:
 - Small x 3.
 - Medium x 3.
 - Large x 3.
- Composite pack containing 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) plasters x 1.
- Sterile eye pads (with bandage or attachment) e.g. No 16 dressing x 2.
- Container of 6 safety pins x 1.
- Guidance card as recommended by HSE x 1.
- 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
- 1 plastic disposable apron.

- Information about who has completed first aid training and the location of the first aid box is provided to all our staff and volunteers.
- The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.
- The managers are responsible for checking and replenishing the first aid box contents.
- Medication is only administered in line with our Administering Medicines policy.
- In the case of minor injury or accidents, first aid treatment is given by a qualified first aider
- In the event of minor injuries or accidents, we normally inform parents when they collect their child, unless the child is unduly upset or we have concerns about the injury. In which case we will contact the child's parents for clarification of what they would like to do, i.e. whether they wish to collect the child and/or take them to their own GP. If the child has a head injury they will be given a wrist band and will be monitored every hour. On collection the parents are given a head injury fact/advice sheet.
- An ambulance is called for children requiring emergency treatment. We contact Parents immediately and inform them of what has happened and where their child has been taken, a member of the management team will accompany the child until the parent arrives.

- Parents sign a consent form at registration allowing a member of staff to take their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that they have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.
- Accidents and injuries are recorded in our accident record book and, where applicable, notified to the Health and Safety Executive, Ofsted and/or local child protection agencies in line with our Recording and Reporting of Accident and Incidents Policy.

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 by Hopscotch Preschool

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) Director

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

- First Aid Management Record (2016)
- Medication Administration Record (2015)