

## 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 our 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. 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 children 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:

- Face Shield for protected mouth-to-mouth resuscitation
- Triangular bandages - x 4.
- Sterile dressings:
  - a) Finger Bandage 3.5 x 3.5 cm – x 2
  - b) Medium wound dressing 12 x 12 cm – x 3
  - c) Large wound dressing 18 x 18 cm – x 2
- Pack containing at least 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) plasters
- Pack containing at least 20 assorted (individually-wrapped) blue detectable plasters
- Burn/wound lint pad sterile dressing x 2
- Sterile eye pads (with bandage or attachment) - x 2
- 6 steel safety pins.
- Instant Ice Pack x 1
- Antiseptic wipes x 4
- 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 regularly checked by Melanie Everett and replenished/replaced as necessary. Sterile items will be kept sealed until needed
- 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, 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.

### Legal framework

- Health and Safety (First Aid ) Regulations (1981)

### Further guidance

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE 1997)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE 2006)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.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)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Langham Pre-School	name of setting
Held on	_____	(date)
Date to be reviewed	_____	(date)
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)