

Promoting Health and Hygiene

First Aid

Policy statement

In our setting all 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 |
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| 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 | |

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of Wellow Under Fives Preschool

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| Held On | 6 th December 2011 |
| Date to be reviewed | December 2012 |
| Signed on behalf of the management committee |  |
| Name of signatory | Rob Blakemore |
| Role of signatory | Chairperson |

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:
 - Small (formerly Medium No 8) - x 3.
 - Medium (formerly Large No 9) – HSE 1 - x 3.
 - 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.
- No un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff.
- At the time of admission to the setting, parents' written permission for emergency medical advice or treatment is sought. Parents sign and date their written approval.
- In the event of an emergency parents will be contacted and if necessary the child will be transported to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit either by ambulance or if necessary, a member staff. In any event continued efforts will be made to contact the child's parent or guardian.

Legal Framework

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

Further guidance

- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE) www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/4421/GFAS.pdf

Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications:

- Medication Record (2006)