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# Promoting health and hygiene

## 1.20 First aid

# **Policy statement**

In our setting staff are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. At least two members of staff have full up to date first aid training.

#### **Procedures**

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, in cupboard 3 on the top shelf..
- 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.
- 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 Revised 2009)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE Revised 2008)
- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE)