

# Muddy Boots Pre-School

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#### 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. All current staff members hold qualifications in Paediatric First Aid, which are renewed regularly via a reputable outside company who deliver the training to staff off site.

#### Procedures

##### *The First Aid Kit*

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety regulations and contains the following items only:

- Triangular bandages (ideally at least one should be sterile) – x 4.
- Sterile dressings:
  - a) Small x 3.
  - b) Medium x 3.
  - c) 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 or 6 safety pins x 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.
- Parents sign an Agreement and Consent form at registration, allowing staff in an emergency to call Emergency Services and accompany their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary. This is done on the understanding that parents have been informed and are on their way to the hospital. This also applies in the case of an emergency, where parents/carers are not contactable in the first instance.

### **Legal framework**

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

### **Further guidance**

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE Revised 2014)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE Revised 2017)
- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE 2022)