

# TIDDLYWINKS

## First aid

### Policy statement

At tiddlywinks 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 a current first aid certificate 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. We aim to ensure that first aid training is local authority approved and is relevant to staff caring for young children.

### Procedures

#### *The first aid kit*

Our first aid kit is accessible at all times, complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 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.

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.
- \* A digital thermometer.

We also provide a travel first aid kit for when we are out and about this contains as above with addition to sterile water.

The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children. Parents sign to give permission for staff to apply plasters to their child. No un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff.

At the time of each child's admission to the setting, parents' written permission for obtaining 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)

Signed.....Owner/Manager  
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