

Cold Ash Pre-school: First Aid Policy

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Staff Qualifications, Training, Support and Skills

At least one person who has a current paediatric first aid certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.

Health

Providers must ensure there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children. Providers must keep a written record of accidents or injuries and first aid treatment.

Policy statement:

We are able to take action to apply first aid treatment in the event of an accident involving a child or adult. At least one adult with a current first aid certificate is on the premises, or on an outing, at any one time (Please note: all staff at Cold Ash Pre-school are PFA trained). Newly qualified staff who achieved an early years qualification at level 2 or 3 on or after 30 June 2016 also have a paediatric first aid certificate in order to be counted in the adult:child ratios. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children. We have evidence of due diligence when choosing first aid training and ensure that it is relevant to adults caring for young children.

Procedures:

The first aid kit:

Our first aid kit is accessible at all times 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 wash proof (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. (Paediatric First Aid book)

- Sterile wipes x 20
- Sterile saline solution/eye wash x 9
- Finger bandage and applicator x 1
- Micropore with dispenser x 1
- Compact foil blanket x 1
- Mouth to mouth shield x 1
- Medical scissors x 1

In addition, the following equipment is kept near to the first aid box:

- 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
- 1 plastic disposable apron.
- A children's forehead 'infra-red' thermometer
- Ice packs are kept in the freezer.

Small First aid bag for outside or outings contains the following:

- Guide to First Aid
- Sterile wipes x 12
- Sterile Saline solution/Eye wash x 5
- Disposable plastic (PVC or Vinyl) Gloves x 1
- Forehead Thermometer x 1
- Triangular bandage x 1
- Finger bandage x 1
- Micropore x 1
- Mouth to mouth shield x 1
- Scissors x 1
- Composite pack containing 20 assorted wash proof (individually-wrapped) plasters x 1
- Information about who has completed first aid training and the location of the first aid box is provided to all our staff and volunteers. A list of staff and volunteers who have current PFA certificates is available upon request.
- The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.

- There are named persons in the setting who is responsible for checking and replenishing the first aid box contents regularly check and replenish the first aid box contents: Caitlin Dalglish – Leader & Natalie Williams – Deputy Leader.
- Medication is only administered in line with our Administering Medicines policy.
- In the case of minor injury or accidents, first aid treatment is given by a qualified first aider.
- In the event of minor injuries or accidents, we normally inform parents when they collect their child, unless the child is unduly upset or we have concerns about the injury. In which case we will contact the child’s parents for clarification of what they would like to do, i.e. whether they wish to collect the child and/or take them to their own GP.
- An ambulance is called for children requiring emergency treatment. We contact parents immediately and inform them of what has happened and where their child has been taken.
- Parents sign a consent form at registration allowing a member of staff to take their child to the nearest Accident and Emergency unit to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that they have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.
- Accidents and injuries are recorded in our accident record folder, these are signed by parents and a copy is sent home with the parents, where applicable, notified to the Health and Safety Executive, Ofsted and/or local child protection agencies in line with our Recording and Reporting of Accident and Incidents Policy.

Legal framework:

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

Further guidance:

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE Revised 2015)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE Revised 2012)
- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfE Revised 2014)