

**General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare**

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

**Promoting health and hygiene****1.19 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. At least two members of staff with current first aid training are on duty during preschool opening hours, at least one of whom will be on the premises or on an outing at any one time. The first aid qualification includes first aid training for infants and young children and Epi-pen training.

**EYFS key themes and commitments**

<b>A Unique Child</b>	<b>Positive Relationships</b>	<b>Enabling Environments</b>	<b>Learning and Development</b>
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	

**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:
  - a) Small (formerly Medium No 8) - x 3.
  - b) Medium (formerly Large No 9) – HSE 1 - x 3.
  - c) 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.

A designated member of staff is responsible for making regular checks on stock levels and expiry dates of the first aid kit as outlined above **Sarah Sibley** is our designated person.

- The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children. There are signs put up daily to identify exactly which cupboard it is stored in and on the committee room door.
- 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 at Musgrove Park Hospital to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that a member of the management team will immediately use all emergency contact numbers available to inform parent of the situation. If there is time parents may decide to come into pre-school or go directly to the hospital if that is in the child's best interest
- In the event that a child has to be taken to the hospital and a parent cannot be contacted within an appropriate period of time 2 members of staff will accompany them until a parent/ carer arrives. Before departure a copy is made of any medical information held by the preschool, including allergies and parental preferences and Ill Child or Child Accident form and this is taken with the child to the hospital.
- In the event a staff member is taken ill or is involved in a serious accident, first aid will be administered as necessary by a trained member of staff. Guidance from allergies and medical conditions folder will be immediately sought and next of kin/emergency contacts informed if appropriate. The staff member may be required to cease work at the Management Team's discretion and a member of bank staff will immediately be contacted to allow for ratios. As we are always more than adequately covered in staff-child ratios, they will be sufficient until the arrival of the member of bank staff. The 'Serious Accident / Medical Emergency Procedure' is always followed at this time.
- The Management committee will be informed of any serious accidents / medical emergencies asap.

## Legal framework

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

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Comeytrove Under Fives Preschool
Held on	_____ (date)
Date to be reviewed	_____ (date)
Signed on behalf of the management committee	_____
Name of signatory	_____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)	_____

## Further guidance

- First Aid at Work: Your questions answered (HSE 1997)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg214.pdf)
- Basic Advice on First Aid at Work (HSE 2006)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf)
- Guidance on First Aid for Schools (DfEE)  
[www.teachernet.gov.uk/\\_doc/4421/GFAS.pdf](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_doc/4421/GFAS.pdf)
- Medication Record (2006) PLA publication
- Admissions form
- Accident form
- Ill child form
- Serious Accident / Medical Emergency Procedure