

Parkside Playgroup

19. First Aid

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. 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 must be HSE compliant.

Our first aid kit is accessible at all times and contains the following items

- Guidance leaflet
- 2 large sterile dressings
- 6 medium sterile dressings
- 2 eye pad dressings
- 4 triangular bandages
- Large finger dressing
- 4 low adherent dressings
- 15 assorted waterproof plasters
- 20 assorted plasters
- 6 sterile wound cleansing wipes
- 5 sterile gauze swabs
- 6 safety pins
- Resuscitation device
- Microporous tape
- First aid scissors
- Large disposable gloves
- Medium disposable gloves
- Instant cold pack

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

- 1 plastic disposable apron.
- A children's thermometer.
- A supply of instant ice packs.

Information about who has completed first aid training and the location of the first aid box is provided to all our staff and volunteers.

The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.

There is a named person in the setting who is responsible for checking and replenishing the first aid box contents.

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 book and, 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.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Parkside Playgroup
Held on	Sept 2026
Date to be reviewed	Sept 2027
Signed on behalf of the provider	
Name of signatory	Brenda Henrick
Role of signatory	Chairperson