

CATERPILLARS PRE-SCHOOL (SUSSEX) LIMITED

**23. FIRST AID**

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 one member of staff with current first aid training 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.

**The First Aid Kit**

Our first aid kit complies with the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and contains the following items only:

* Sterile Medical Wipes x5
* Waterproof Plasters x20
* Fabric Plaster Strip 6cm x 1m x1
* Adhesive Wound Dressing 8cm x 6cm x3
* Low Adherent Wound Dressing 8cm x 6cm x3
* Crepe Bandage 7.5cm x 4.5cm x1
* Stretch Bandage 7.5cm x 4.5cm x1
* Microporous Tape 1.25cm x 5m x1
* Safety Pins x6
* Triangular Bandage x1
* Eye Pad Dressing x1
* Eye Wash Phial 20ml x1
* Burn Gel Sachets 3.5ml x3
* Heat Retaining Foil Blanket x1
* Instant Ice Pack x3
* Emergency Face Shield x1
* Nitrile Powder-Free Gloves Large x2
* Splinter Remover x1
* Tough Cut Scissors x1
* Essential First Aid Guide x1

In addition to the first aid equipment, each box should be supplied with:

* A children’s forehead ‘strip’ thermometer

**Procedures**

* 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, parent’s 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 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 (Amended 2018)

This policy was adopted by the Manager of Caterpillars Pre-school on 4th April, 2023

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Name of signatory: Catherine Clark Role of signatory: Manager