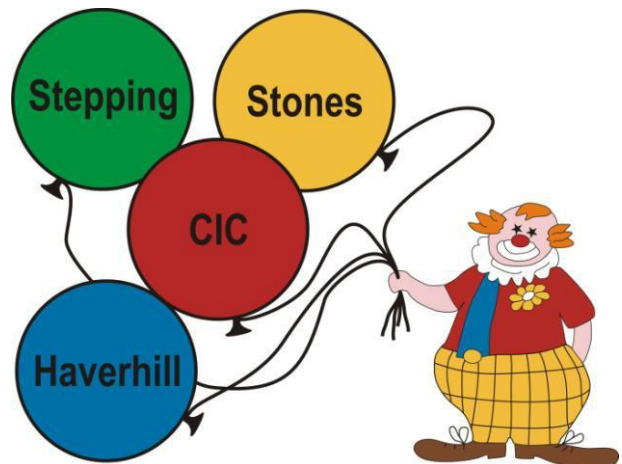


## General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

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

#### 20. 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 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. Good practice all staff have current Pediatric first aid and allergy awareness training.

##### EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
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*

Although there is no mandatory list of items to be included in a first-aid kit, a suggested minimum stock of first-aid items in a low hazard workplace might be:

A leaflet on general first aid or/and Guidance card as recommended by HSE 1.

- small sterile dressing - (formerly Medium No 8) - x 3.
- medium sterile dressings (12cm x 12cm) (formerly Large No 9) x 3.

- large sterile dressings (18cm x 18cm) (formerly Extra Large No 3) x 3.
- assorted plasters (relevant for the work area)
- triangular bandage (90cm x 127cm) (x 4)
- safety pins (assorted)
- sterile eye pads
- disposable gloves

Other useful items you may wish to include could be: ~ (Staff will record when they have used an item from First Aid box and this will be replenished at end of each/every half term)

- saline cleansing wipes
- roll of adhesive tape
- sterile adhesive dressing/s
- resuscitation face shield with valve
- 2 pairs of disposable plastic (PVC or vinyl) gloves.
- 1 plastic disposable apron.
- a children's forehead 'strip' thermometer.
- The first aid box is easily accessible to adults and is kept out of the reach of children.
- Un-prescribed medication is given to children, parents or staff, with a filled in request for medication form

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 to be examined, treated or admitted as necessary on the understanding that parents have been informed and are on their way to the hospital.

In addition:

- A mobile first aid kit is stored in the kitchen area, which is used for outings, forest school and anytime children are out of the setting.
- Anne Jessop (deputy manager) will replenish & check first aid box within the setting every half term
- Suzanne Rulten will replenish & check the mobile first aid box within the setting every half term

### **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)
- <https://fitforwork.org/blog/first-aid-kits-in-the-workplace-bs-8599-1/>
- <http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/legislation.htm> (2015)

**Please note that all staff should read and be aware of the MASH & LADO posters within the setting.**

This policy was adopted by	Stepping Stones Childcare & Education CIC
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Role of signatory	DEPUTY

**Review:**

This policy is reviewed every year or whenever deemed necessary by the manager in the light of events and changes in the law.

This policy was given to staff to read on 21/07/2019 and acknowledged by staff electronically.