

Accident Policy

At Brook Green Nursery, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. While accidents can happen, we take extensive measures to create the safest possible environment for children, staff, and families. Our approach includes thorough staff induction and refresher training, detailed risk assessments, regular accident audits, first aid resource checks, and ongoing maintenance across all setting.

We aim for all staff to complete paediatric first aid training as soon as possible after joining our team. This gives families confidence that our practitioners are fully prepared to respond in a paediatric first aid situation and reflects our commitment to keeping children safe at all times.

Fully stocked and regularly checked first aid boxes are available throughout our nursery.

All parents provide "in loco parentis" consent, authorising us to administer first aid and make appropriate medical decisions if parents cannot be reached.

If an accident occurs at nursery or during an outing, the child will be comforted and given appropriate first aid. The incident will be recorded and shared with parents at collection. For more serious incidents, parents will be contacted immediately to discuss the best course of action. When required, further medical attention will be sought.

Accident & First Aid Policy

At Brook Green Nursery, the safety, wellbeing, and protection of every child is at the heart of everything we do. Although minor accidents can occasionally happen during play and exploration, we are committed to maintaining the safest possible environment for children, staff, and families.

Our Commitment to Safety

To ensure a consistently high standard of care, we have robust procedures in place across all areas of the nursery. These include:

- Comprehensive staff induction and refresher training, ensuring all team members understand our safety expectations and emergency procedures.

- Detailed risk assessments for all rooms, outdoor areas, equipment, and activities.
- Regular accident audits to identify patterns, reduce risks, and continuously improve practice.
- Frequent checks of first aid resources, ensuring all first aid boxes are fully stocked, accessible, and up to date.
- Ongoing maintenance and safety checks across the nursery environment.

Paediatric First Aid Training

We aim for all staff to complete paediatric first aid training as soon as possible after joining our team. This ensures that qualified practitioners are always available to respond confidently and effectively in the event of an emergency. Families can feel reassured that our team is prepared to act quickly and appropriately in any paediatric first aid situation.

First Aid Equipment

Fully stocked first aid boxes are located throughout the nursery and are checked regularly by designated staff members. Additional first aid supplies are taken on all outings and outdoor activities.

Parental Consent

All parents and carers provide "in loco parentis" consent when joining the nursery. This authorises our team to administer first aid and, if necessary, make appropriate medical decisions when parents cannot be reached. This ensures that children receive timely and appropriate care at all times.

If an Accident Occurs

If a child has an accident while at nursery or during an outing, the following steps are taken:

1. **Immediate care.** The child is comforted and given appropriate first aid by a trained member of staff.
2. **Recording the incident.** The accident is documented in our accident reporting system, including details of what happened, any injuries, and the care provided.
3. **Informing parents.** Parents are informed of the incident at collection time and asked to sign the accident record.

4. **Contacting parents for more serious incidents.** If an injury requires prompt parental involvement or medical attention, parents are contacted immediately.
5. **Seeking further medical help.** If necessary, we will seek additional medical support, such as calling NHS 111, arranging a GP visit, or contacting emergency services.

Ongoing Review

We regularly review accident records and safety procedures to ensure our environment remains safe, well-maintained, and responsive to the needs of the children in our care.