

Accident or Injury Policy

Rationale

Little Home Learners are committed to ensuring children are cared for in a safe environment that reduces the chance of accidents and injury.

Procedure

Both childminders hold a current Paediatric First Aid Certificate, Charlotte Shefras is a Registered Nurse. Any assistants that Little Home Learners employ will never have unsupervised access to children unless they hold a Paediatric First Aid Certificate and parental written permission has been given.

All Paediatric First Aid Certificates are available for parents/carers to see upon request. A first aid box with appropriate content for the number and ages of children being cared for will be accessible at all times. This is regularly checked and re-stocked as necessary.

Little Home Learners will obtain written parental permission to seek emergency medical advice or treatment so that in an emergency, medical help can be accessed without delay.

If there is an accident or injury to a child we will reassure the injured child whilst making sure that the other children in our care are safe and reassured. Charlotte will assess the extent of the injury and will carry out any first aid procedures that are necessary and within scope.

Little Home Learners will contact you straight away unless your child's injury requires emergency medical treatment, then we will contact the emergency services. Little Home Learners will then contact you as soon as possible and accompany your child to the hospital. The other children will remain in the care of the remaining childminder.

Accident records need to be completed with details of the accident or injury and first aid treatment given and parents will be requested to sign these records on the same day or as soon as reasonably practicable.

Little Home Learners have a duty to inform Unique Support Early Years of any serious accident, injury to, or death of, any child whilst in our care and of the action taken. Notification must be made as soon as practicable, but within 14 days of the incident occurring otherwise I would be committing an offence.

Little Home Learners also have a duty to inform the local child protection agencies and Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) of any serious accident or injury to a child in our care and act on advice given from the agency.

Little Home Learners will need to inform my insurance company of any details relating to a serious accident or injury. It is important that you keep us informed regarding your child's condition following an accident or injury that has occurred whilst in our care and if you have sought medical advice.

This will ensure we will continue to meet your child's needs whilst in our care and enable us to make the correct notification should it be necessary at a later date.

If either one of us has an accident, the children will remain in the care of the uninjured childminding.

Date of next review: February 2027.