



# Focus on...

## Paediatric First Aid

### Statutory requirements

- At least one person who has a full current Paediatric First Aid (PFA) certificate must be always on the premises and available when children are present, this includes making sure a first aider is accompanying children on outings
- Childminders, or anyone who might be in sole charge of the children for any period of time including childminder assistants, must hold a full current Paediatric First Aid (PFA) certificate
- All newly qualified people who have completed a Level 2 and/or Level 3 qualification on or after 30 June 2016, must also have either a full Paediatric First Aid or an Emergency Paediatric First Aid certificate within three months of starting work to be included in the required staff to child EYFS ratio
- Providers must ensure that staff have sufficient understanding and use of English to ensure the well-being of children in their care. For example, settings must be in a position to keep records in English, to liaise with other agencies in English, to summon emergency help, and to understand instructions such as those for the safety of medicines or food hygiene

[Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework- GOV.UK](#)

### Best practice

- Childcare providers should ensure parents know who holds a current Paediatric First Aid certificate either by displaying the information or making it available on request
- Since September 2021, EYFS have also recommended you consider annual refresher training to help maintain your basic first aid skills and keep up to date with any changes to first aid advice. This can be helpful in ensuring you have confident first aiders that can use the skills they learned on their paediatric first aid course in a real situation
- Consider undertaking the Millies Mark accreditation where all practitioners will be first aid trained [Home Page | Millie's Mark \(milliesmark.com\)](#)

Paediatric first aid training is available here

[Paediatric first aid \(12 hours\) - Blended - Lancashire County Council](#)