LifeVac policy

At The Meadows Cheeky Chimps, we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children, staff, and visitors. We aim for all staff to be first aid trained, or for new members of staff to be booked onto a first aid course as soon as possible.

First aid kits are in each room within the nursery. A LifeVac device is stored in the nursery kitchen.

The LifeVac is **only to be used as a last resort** when standard first aid procedures for choking (such as back blows and abdominal thrusts) have been unsuccessful. The use of the LifeVac must **not delay or replace** the immediate administration of first aid or contacting the emergency services.

Where possible, the LifeVac should only be administered by a member of management or a senior member of staff.

In the event of a child choking, a staff member must administer the appropriate first aid (e.g back blows and abdominal thrusts). If this has not worked after 3 rounds, the LifeVac is to be used as per the manufacturer's instructions. Staff should check (if possible, to do so) the app to ensure the parent's have given permission for us to use the LifeVac.

In the event a parent has not given permission to use the LifeVac, staff are to continue with the appropriate first aid.

While one staff member continues administering first aid, another staff member should retrieve the LifeVac if required. At this time, **999 must be called**, and the child's parents should be informed as soon as possible. A staff member is also to grab the Defibrillator as a precaution.

The LifeVac device will be inspected alongside routine first aid kit checks. Although the device does not have an expiry date, it has a two-year shelf life, which will be monitored by the management team.

Once the LifeVac has been used, this is to be replaced. Staff are to ensure that they complete an accident/incident form to which they will ensure they state that the LifeVac was used.



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