



## LifeVac Anti-Choking Device

### **Policy Statement**

As childcare professionals, it is important we complete and update our Level 3 Paediatric First Aid training as and when required and put further necessary steps in place if the traditional method is unsuccessful. To prevent the children from choking, we prepare food correctly, supervise mealtimes, keep small objects or age-inappropriate toys out of reach. However, if a choking incident does occur, we have a LifeVac anti-choking device situated above our first aid cabinet that is to be used for emergencies only.

### **Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)**

“A LifeVac is a non-invasive, suction-based anti-choking device designed to clear a blocked airway in a choking emergency when standard first aid methods like back blows and abdominal thrusts have failed or cannot be performed. It works by placing a mask over the person's mouth and nose, then pulling to create a powerful suction that dislodges the blockage. The LifeVac is a patented, one-way valve device that comes with multiple colored, sized masks for infants to large adults, making it suitable for both home and travel use.”

At The Flower Cottage, all household members (staff) have completed the online training on the official LifeVac website with certificates to evidence this. The training can be found here - [LifeVac Training for your Company - LifeVac Europe Ltd](#)

Morton Michel, our insurance provider, is also aware that we have a LifeVac in the setting. They have confirmed that we are insured to use this device as it is from the official site along with the completion of training and if all First Aid protocols are unsuccessful.

Please ensure you have read and understand the LifeVac Anti Choking Device policy and procedure.

**All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.**

This policy and procedure has been development in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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