



Alcohol, drugs and smoking policy

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care.

As an Ofsted registered Childminder, I work alone and will have sole responsibility for your child whilst they are in my care.

It is vital that I am alert to any dangers and able to protect him/her.

To do this effectively I must not be under the influence of alcohol or any form of drugs (including some prescription medication) If I am prescribed medication, other than routine antibiotics I must inform Ofsted who will decide as to whether I can continue to mind whilst taking them.

I will not drink any alcohol during minded hours or immediately before.

If you have been drinking, perhaps a work leaving do, Christmas party or whilst entertaining clients I would prefer if you arranged for another responsible adult to collect your child, especially if you plan to drive home. Alternatively, you may call me, and I can delay the pick-up time if possible.

Children

Drugs and alcohol are now more readily available to younger children. If I have any concerns that your child may be drinking alcohol, taking drugs or smoking I will discuss the matter with you immediately.

I will then work with you to support your child; however, I reserve the right to terminate our contract with immediate effect if I am concerned that your child's behaviour due to drugs/alcohol may be putting the other minded children at risk. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

No Smoking Policy

It is my policy to ensure that children are in a smoke-free environment whilst in my care.

Therefore **No one** is permitted to smoke in my home.

I will not take the children into smoky environments and will avoid places that permit smoking wherever possible.

Lucy Madge
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