

## Illness and infectious diseases



This is a **'well-child' care** facility. Sick children want care from their parents in the comfort of their own homes. They expose other children, as well as my family and myself, to the spread of their illness and require additional care and attention that I am unable to give.

If your child is unable to participate in the normal activities, then they **MUST** stay at home.

- It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within my childcare setting.
- If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will make them as comfortable as possible, isolate them from the other children if necessary and reassure them. I will contact you immediately and continue to care for your child until you arrive.
- If you cannot be reached, then the emergency contact person will be called and asked to collect your child.
- I will discuss and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in my setting with the parents during the settling-in period.
- I will promote hand-washing in warm soapy water before eating or handling food and after using the toilet.
- I will promote the use of tissues for children with coughs and minor colds.
- If your child has had diarrhoea or sickness in the last twenty-four hours please do not bring them but do call and let me know.
- All spillages of bodily fluids will be cleaned up immediately.
- I will ensure that any animals on the premises are safe to be around children and do not pose a health risk.
- I am happy to administer prescribed medication (see my medicine policy)
- All children in my setting who are excluded due to having an illness or an infectious disease such as a severe cold or stomach upset will not be allowed to return until they have been free from illness for 48 hours. This is to minimise the risk of the transmission of an infection to other children, myself or members of my household.
- If a child arrives at my setting with a disease or illness I believe to be infectious or that poses a risk to the other children in the setting or myself I will expect the child not to attend my setting until they have been well for the recommended period of time.
- If I, or one of the members of my family, have a confirmed infectious disease, I will inform you as soon as I am able. As I will not be able to offer my childminding service I will not charge you for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed with you in our contract.
- I will inform the parents of the other children in my setting if a child I care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.
- If I believe a child in my setting is suffering from a notifiable disease, identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, I will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken.