

Sickness and Infectious diseases

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care and promote good health and hygiene and take necessary steps to prevent of infection within my setting.

I will promote hand washing in warm soapy water before eating and handling food and after using the toilet. I provide paper towels for drying hands.

I will promote the use of tissues for children with coughs and minor colds, I will have a supply on the premises at all times, and take some tissues on all outings.

All spillages of bodily fluids will be cleaned up immediately and I will wear disposable gloves for the changing of nappies. I will discard the gloves after each change. (see nappy changing policy)

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care I will notify the parents straight away. If your child is vomiting or has diarrhoea I will insist the parent comes to collect the child as soon as possible and I will insist the child does not return until at least 48 hours after your child is free from illness.

If the child has sickness or diarrhoea at home I insist that you do not send the child to me until at least 48 hours after illness has ended, as the child could pass the illness on.

My first priority is to other children in my care and my family. Please note that I will still have to charge for your child's care whilst they are ill. (Rates are stated in your contract).

I am happy to administer medication to the child, but I will need prior permission from the parent, which will mean you will need to fill out the relevant documentation. (This documentation will be filled out at the commencement of your child starting with me). Please refer to my administering medicines policy.

If I believe a child at 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.

If any of my family become sick. I will notify all parents and I wont care for any children until my family or I are better. I will not charge for this time and I will try to inform parents as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made.

I would appreciate your full co-operation on these matters.

Parent's signature

Childminders signature

Date: