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Procedure for Illness and Infection

It is my intention to minimise and prevent the spread of illness and infection amongst the children I care for by practising good hygiene and cleanliness.

Hand washing by everybody is a must before and after meals and toilet use, outdoor / messy play and other such circumstances as they arise, i.e. child sneezing or blowing their nose.

I always use antibacterial sprays on all surfaces and highchairs and use protective gloves when dealing with nappies and injuries. Toilets and food preparation areas are cleaned regularly and thoroughly. All toys are also regularly and suitably cleaned.

Please ensure cuts or open sores originating from home are covered with appropriate protective dressings, details of these or any other existing injuries will be recorded when your child is dropped off and you will be required to sign to acknowledge this.

However there are times when illness and infection do occur and I am happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but cannot care for children who are very unwell, infectious or have a high temperature.

In these circumstances your child will be much happier with you in their own home and I have a duty to ensure that other children in my care, my family and myself remain well and healthy.

Sick children

If there is a child in my setting who becomes ill whilst in my care, or whom I believe has an infectious illness or disease (for example a severe cold or stomach upset) I will;

- Contact the parents as agreed to arrange for the immediate collection of the child
- Ensure the child is excluded from my setting until they have been well for 48 hours, or in accordance with Health Authority guidelines.

If I believe a child in my setting is suffering from a disease or illness which requires notification I will inform the parents/guardians of my concerns and act on advice given by Public Health England (details of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> as to when they will be able to return to my setting. I will also inform Ofsted, or Childminding Agency (if registered with an agency) of any action taken.

I make parents aware of my sickness exclusion policy and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in my setting.

In accordance with the contract agreed with parents I expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are excluded from my setting due to an illness or infectious disease.



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If I, or one of the members of my family, has a confirmed infectious disease, I will inform parents as soon as I am able.

As I will not be able to offer my childminding service I do not charge parents for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed in the contract.

I will inform the parents of the other children in my setting if a child I care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.

I am happy to administer medication – please see my Medicine Policy.

Should you have any queries regarding my procedure for illness and infection please do not hesitate to speak to me.

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