

Sickness, Illness and Infectious Disease Policy

I am more than happy to care for children with coughs and colds. I refer to the guidance issued on the NHS website as to whether a child should be around others with any particular illness/ ailment. I will not care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature. In these circumstances they are happier being cared for by a parent or member of their own family.

If a child becomes ill whilst with me I will contact you to come and collect them, or so you can arrange for someone else to collect them.

I request that any child who has been off with an illness or infectious disease (other than Covid 19, for which all current government advice must be followed) is not returned to me until they have been free from the illness for 48 hours, this is particularly relevant with sickness and diarrhoea.

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 (full list of these illnesses is available at www.gov.uk) I will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken.

For all Covid infections all government rules relevant at the time of infection must be followed, please contact me as soon as you can to inform me of their infection.

If one of my children is ill but I am still working I will inform you of their symptoms/illness as soon as possible so you can make a decision about whether you would prefer not to send your child.

If I or one of my children is ill and I am closing I will let you know as soon as possible so that you can make arrangements for your child's care.

Please see my Medicines Policy for further guidance on administering medicines while in my care.

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