

Policy- Illness/Sickness

In the unlucky event of either the child or myself being ill there are certain policies and procedures that I would like us to both abide by. I am aware that you want a reliable childminder who can work every day that we have agreed to and I will do everything I can to fulfil your wish. However in certain circumstances I will not be able to work and therefore will not be able to have your child/children. This is because I have a duty of care to the child and to protect them from any harm. This way I am stopping them from catching anything nasty that may harm them. So working the other way around, regarding the child:-

- If I/they have had any sickness or diarrhoea within 48 hours, then I will not be working, and I also would expect yourself to inform me if the child has had it, and again not being able to come for 48 hours. This is because it will only spread the germs even further and therefore would not be able to give your child the care that they deserve, and the child would be risking any of the other children catching it.
- Or if I/they have had any other highly contagious virus/infection, or a communicable disease that can be passed on.

If I have a cold or the sniffles then I feel that it is ok to work, and am happy to have your child as arranged. Also if your child has a cold/sniffles or something minor then I am still happy to have them as arranged. If you are not sure on anything and whether it's safe to bring them into my environment then please feel free to ring me and we can discuss what we think is best.

If your child experiences either sickness or diarrhoea whilst under my supervision, then I hope you understand that I would have to ring yourself and politely ask you to come and pick your child up as soon as possible as it is not fair on anyone else. If this happened to another child and your child was one of the other children in the surrounding I would try my hardest to keep them away from anyone that was poorly, leaving a smaller chance for anything to be passed on. However I'm sure you can appreciate that there are some things I cannot control. If there is any communicable disease identified, then I would also have to inform the health protection agency.

If when we have an agreement that I will be caring for your child, then I will need to know of any illnesses the child has. I will therefore need written permission of yourself to administer the correct medication to that child. This will be kept confidentially in with their notes on a special form. If your child needs anything like for example an epi-pen, then I personally will have proper training from a nurse on how to use these to give the child what they need.

If you know of any illness; your child gets from thing like reactions, then I would expect that you provide these things for me. For example sun cream, wipes, or certain creams. If your child has had an illness, and they have just been put on anything like anti-biotics then I ask that they have been on it for at least 24 hours before they come into my setting. This narrows down the risk of any unexpected reactions happening with me.

Im sure you can understand that I do have my own 2 children and from time to time they may also become ill. All parents will be given the option whether to send their child or not. Of course if you choose not then payment will be taken of next months invoice. However if you decide to send your child, and they then catch the illness, then they will not be able to return to the setting for the required amount of time depending on their illness.

Chicken Pox

In the event of your child catching chicken pox, then unfortunately they will not be able to attend the setting until they have all scabbed over. This is to minimize the risk of anyone else catching it who it may be harmful too. For example pregnant mums, young babies and the elderly. If they do attend the setting before being non contagious, then they will be sent home until there are scabs.

Medication

Due to new regulations, only medication which has been prescribed from the doctor can be given to your child. Unfortunately we cannot administer things like calpol / nurofen unless the doctor has prescribed it, and the bottle/box has their name on it.