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Sick Child/Exclusion for Illness Policy

It is my responsibility, as a registered childminder to keep children safe, to promote good health, to avoid the spread of infection and to take appropriate action if children become ill.

I understand the needs of working parents and do not aim to exclude children unnecessarily. However, in order to maintain a healthy environment for all children I ask that parents do not bring their child to the childminding setting if they are sick or are displaying signs of being unwell. This will ensure children are receiving the most suitable care, (e.g. parents are able to take the child to the doctor if necessary), and it protects other children and adults, including those with reduced immunity, from preventable infections.

Children arriving with or that develop any of the following symptoms during the day, will be excluded for the period recommended by the Health Protection Agency or until fully recovered:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Diarrhoea and or vomiting
- A temperature of 101 F/38 C or higher
- Unusual spots or rashes on the skin, which may or may not include itching with a fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Headache or stiff neck, when accompanied by a high temperature
- Severe cough (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough)
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than the setting can provide without risking the health and safety of other children

If a child becomes unwell whilst in my setting:

- They will be comforted and found a place to rest away from the other children and their condition monitored
- Parents or an emergency contact will be informed and expected to collect the child as soon as possible
- Verbal permission will be sought to give temperature reducing medicine if appropriate, if prior written permission has been given
- Details of the child's signs and symptoms and any medication/treatment given will be put in writing and signed by the parent on collection of the child

In an emergency

- I will call 999 for an ambulance
- First Aid procedures may be carried out as necessary
- I will contact parents as soon as possible and explain the situation
- Arrangements will be made to meet parents at the childminding setting or at the hospital
- Relevant documentation will be taken including prior written parental consent for emergency medical treatment
- If I need to accompany a child to hospital, my emergency backup arrangements/back up cover may be used

My childminder agency will be notified of any significant events
The Health Protection Unit will be notified if necessary

If the setting has to be closed for any reason, parents will be informed as soon as possible. Fees will be reimbursed in this incidence.

For the most up-to-date immunisation advice check on www.immunisation.nhs.uk

Facts sheets and further information can also be found on www.hpa.org.uk

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