

# Illness and Infectious Diseases

## Policy

I promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within my childcare setting and while I am out and about.

## Procedure

- If your child has an infectious illness (such as chicken pox, ) they need to be kept away from my setting until they are no longer infectious.
- I inform the parents of the other children in my setting if a child I care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.
- If your child becomes unwell while they are with me, I or my assistant will contact you as soon as possible. We will continue to care for and reassure your child until you arrive, keeping them away from other children to avoid spreading infection.
- I am happy to administer medicine, but will require you to complete and sign my medicine form, giving my assistants and I permission. I, or my assistant, will record each dose of medicine administered, and require you to initial to acknowledge this record.
- If your child has a cold or minor illness I will normally be happy to mind them, however I will not mind a child who has had sickness or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours.
- If one of my own children becomes unwell I will try to arrange for them to spend time with grandparents, thus reducing risk of infection and preventing me from having to take a day off.
- However, if I, or a member 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.
- 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, I will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency (details of which can be found at [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)) and inform Ofsted of any action taken.
- I ensure there is a supply of tissues available for children.
- I and my assistants immediately clean up any spillage of body fluids using disposable cloths.
- I supply disposable towels for washing faces and for drying hands, to prevent the spread of infection.

Childminder's signature		Date
Parent(s)' signature		Date

