

## **Sickness**

I appreciate that as a working parent you need to be able to go to work, however if your child is unwell then they will be better cared for in their own home with their parents. I am happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but will not care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature. I have to go out each day to do school and pre-school runs and need to consider the welfare of all the children in my care.

As set by the The Public Health Agency, if your child has had diarrhoea or sickness in the last 48 hours please do not bring them in, but call and let me know.

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will make them as comfortable as possible, isolate them from the other children if necessary and reassure them. I will contact you immediately and continue to care for your child until you arrive.

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

I am happy to work when I have minor ailments such as colds etc. However I will not work if I have sickness or diarrhoea or any other highly contagious infection. Continuing to work would only result in a further spreading of the infection and I would be unable to provide your child with the care they deserve. Part of my role as stated by the EYFS is to minimise the spread of infection, and excluding for illnesses such as sickness and diarrhoea is absolutely necessary.

If I am unable to work on a contracted day, I will make contact with you the night before or on the morning as early as possible to advise you that I will be unable to care for your child, if you require emergency childcare please discuss this with me and I can try and help where I can to try and contact some emergency cover.

I will also contact you if one of my own children is not well, inform you of the illness/symptoms and if I am able to work. This then allows you to make an informed decision as to whether to bring your child or not, if you require emergency childcare please discuss this with me and I can help you if I can. If my child has a contagious illness, I will also abide by the correct exclusion as per the gov website.

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