

Covid-19 Infection Control Policy For The Childminding Setting

Following the release of the government's guidance for primary schools, the government has published a guidance for early years and childcare settings.

As my setting is now open, I am adopting a variety of protective measures to create and maintain a safe environment to protect the children, parents and my own family.

Such protective measures include:

- Increase in hygiene measures; frequent hand washing and cleaning of resources and toys.
- Planning for more outdoor learning activities.
- Asking the children not to bring personal possessions.
- Asking that only one adult drops-off and collects children on time, as well as waiting at the bottom of the stairs for their child to enter or exit the house (This rule doesn't apply for parents with younger children).
- Take the children's temperature before entering the setting (if temperature is high, they must return home).
- I will communicate more often through WhatsApp, text messages and phone calls.

A key element of keeping the Childminding environment safe for everyone, is to prevent exposure to coronavirus by isolating any child or adult who displays symptoms. Parents can help with this by making sure that children do not attend the setting if they, or somebody living in their household, displays symptoms of coronavirus.

The symptoms most commonly associated with coronavirus and COVID-19 are:

- a new persistent of continuous cough
- a high temperature
- tiredness
- difficult breathing
- loss of smell/or taste

If your child displays any of these symptoms, you should keep them at home and contact the childminder as soon as possible. You can access the latest advice on symptoms, isolation information if your someone you live with has symptoms and information for people at higher risk via the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

This website provides access all the government advise: (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>).

To arrange a throat and nose swab test, you should visit the government website: www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test.

Guidance on education and childcare: (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>).

Ofsted Coronavirus rolling update: (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-19-rolling-update>).

The Department of Education has a helpline to answer questions related to education about Covid-19. Staff, parents and young people and contact the helpline between 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday by calling 0800 046 8687 or emailing DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk .