

Accident, Illness and Emergency Policy

Accidents

When caring for your child their safety in my home and out and about is very important. **Unfortunately, accidents happen!**

This is why I have this policy in place to protect your child. If an accident was to occur I would:

- ***Comfort your child*** – it could be upsetting for your child to have an accident, I will try my best to reassure them.
- ***Assess their injuries*** – depending on the severity I would decide if medical help/support is needed.
- ***First aid*** – I am trained in paediatric first aid and will apply my skills accordingly. I keep my first aid box to hand in the kitchen and carry a small one when out and about with the children.
- ***Contact*** – once your child is settled I will give you a call to let you know that they have had an accident and possibly ask you to collect them if necessary.

After the accident, however minor I will record it in my accident book, ask you to sign it and give you a copy to keep.

If the accident is more serious and requires medical treatment I will:

- ***Inform OFSTED*** – to keep in line with welfare requirements it is my duty to inform them of any serious injuries or incidents
- ***Inform my insurance company*** – to protect you, your child and myself
- ***Contact*** – I will contact my childcare advisor and other bodies for advice

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I would appreciate it if you kept me informed of your child's progress and condition after an accident and if your child has received any medical treatment.

Illness

If your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home with you caring for them. I understand that working is very important for your family but I cannot put the health of the other children at risk if your child is ill.

There will be no charge if I am ill and unable to take your child. Full fees do apply if you or your child is sick and unable to attend.

I will accept a child as long as they do not have any of the following:

A raised temperature or fever

A contagious or infectious illness

Has not had vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 48hrs

Are not restless, irritable or over-tired

Has been eating in the last 12hrs

However, I will accept a child with a minor cough or cold. Children with a non-productive cough must be being treated with medicine. Any medication must be signed for; if my medication log is not signed by the parent/guardian I will be unable to administer any medication. Because I will have all this information I will be working in line with the Data Protection Act 1998 to ensure only the appropriate people have access.

If your child becomes unwell during attendance and doesn't meet the criteria above I may ring you to come to collect your child to protect the health of the other children.

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If you are at all unsure about your child's ability to attend my setting please contact me.

If your child is able to attend but has been feeling under the weather I would appreciate it if you would mention this when they are dropped off. If you are unsure about your child's condition please contact your GP, Health visitor or a pharmacist.

Emergencies

In the unlikely case of an emergency please be aware of my procedure. If an emergency arises where the emergency services have been called I will contact you and meet you at the hospital. If it is not your child that is involved in the emergency I will still contact you to inform you of the situation and possibly ask you to collect your child. I have a 'back up' childminder and she will take the children so I can be with the child involved in the emergency. The children will be familiar with this person. I have these procedures in place to work in line with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. This helps me to keep the children I care for and myself safe when in the home or out and about.

Fire

I have fitted smoke alarms in the hall and upstairs landing to alert me to a fire, these are tested every week and are connected to the mains so never lose power but have a battery as a backup. As the kitchen is the most likely place for a fire to begin, I have a fire blanket and fire extinguisher located here to put out a small fire or to aid an exit. I will practise a fire evacuation with your child so they are aware of what we do and where we go. We will do this regularly so they are not alarmed in the unlikely case a fire was to occur.

My fire assembly point is my car parking spaces which are located a short walking distance from the house and far enough away from any danger.

In any circumstance the safety of your child is paramount.