

## **Returning to Childminding Procedure**

In order to adhere to government guidance and for my own and the families I care for safety I have devised the following procedure for when the lockdown measures are starting to be lifted.

### **I will gradually take on families depending on the following priorities:**

- Key workers who need childcare and who do not have anyone at home to care for the child/ren including families I have continued to support
- Children with special educational needs or disabilities that are not in the vulnerable group
- Those parents who have paid a retainer fee while I have been closed
- Parents who have been asked to start working outside of the home that do not have anyone at home to care for the child/ren
- Thereafter, families will be offered places on a case by case basis until I am fully operational

### **To help ensure that the risk of virus spread is as low as possible:**

#### **Parents will be expected to:**

- keep their child/ren at home if the children or anyone in the household are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), e.g. high temperature or cough [Guidance on staying at home and away from others](#)
- keep children at home if they have been given Calpol in the last 12 hours
- Take the children's temperature before leaving home
- collect their child/ren as soon as possible if they become unwell and I will keep them away from other children if possible while waiting
- wear face masks when dropping off and collecting their children
- avoid contact with people who have symptoms of COVID-19
- provide extra spare clothes to prevent cross infection if needed
- drop off and collect their child/ren from my front door, I will meet you at the door on arrival and have the children ready for when you collect
- arrive and leave at different times to avoid parents gathering together at the door and to collect children as quickly as possible
- Maintain social distancing if other parents are present
- Limit bringing children's personal possessions into the setting except if essential for their children's wellbeing
- Provide a full pack of nappies and wipes along with 2 clean spare sets of clothing to be kept at the setting and replaced when required
- Leave buggies outside/or take them away from the setting

#### **I will:**

- Try to follow the [social distancing guidelines](#), however I understand this will be difficult to maintain in a home setting
- Ensure all members of my household wash their hands before I start work

- Ensure all members of my household keep unnecessary contact with the children to a minimum
- Ensure assistants only attend if needed and they and their household are symptom free
- avoid contact with people who have symptoms of COVID-19
- wash the children's hands when they arrive with soap and water for 20 seconds and repeat this frequently throughout the day. I will ensure older children are supervised when hand washing
- Clean children's essential personal possessions on arrival if practical
- Dispose of any used tissues immediately and wash hands thoroughly
- Not invite visitors to my home during childminding hours
- Restrict outings to the local community and avoid places that are likely to be crowded
- Communicate through Whatsapp, text messages and phone calls rather than face to face meetings
- Close the setting if I or any of my family display any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- increase the cleaning of my home, equipment, toys and resources

#### **Children will:**

- Be taught about COVID19 and personal hygiene in an age appropriate way
- be encouraged not to touch their faces
- be encouraged to use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste

#### **What parents can do at home:**

- talk to their children about coronavirus (COVID-19), social distancing and handwashing
- follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

Please note: This procedure will be kept under constant review and will take into account current government guidance.