

Sick Child/Exclusion for Illness Policy

It is my responsibility, as a registered childminder to keep children safe, to promote good health, to avoid the spread of infection and to take appropriate action if children become ill. I will follow current government guidance on hygiene and infection control to keep the children and adults in my setting safe: [Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#)

I understand the needs of working parents and do not aim to exclude children unnecessarily. However, in order to maintain a healthy environment for all children and adults I ask that parents do not bring their child to the childminding setting if they are sick or are displaying signs of being unwell. A child is more comfortable in their own home and this will ensure children are receiving the most suitable care, (e.g. parents are able to seek medical advice if necessary). Keeping them at home protects other children and adults, including those with reduced immunity, from preventable infections.

Children who are arriving with or develop any of the following symptoms during the day, will be excluded for the [period recommended by Public Health England](#) or until fully recovered:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- A temperature of 101°F/38°C or higher – see additional comments below regarding coronavirus
- Unusual spots or rashes on the skin, which may or may not include itching with a fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Headache or stiff neck, when accompanied by a high temperature
- Severe cough (child gets red or blue in the face and makes a high-pitched whoop after cough)
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than the setting can provide without risking the health and safety of other children.

In addition, during the current Coronavirus pandemic the main symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to sense of smell or taste

Children should not attend my setting for 14 days from the date the first person in your household became ill with suspected coronavirus. See government guidelines: [stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](#).

If the household all test negative for coronavirus your child may return as long as they and everyone in the household feel well and have no symptoms.

If a child becomes unwell whilst in my setting:

- They will be comforted and found a place to rest away from the other children and their condition monitored, I may need to wear full PPE if the child shows signs of coronavirus
- Parents or an emergency contact will be informed and expected to collect the child as soon as possible
- Verbal permission will be sought to give temperature reducing medicine if appropriate, if prior written permission has been given
- Details of the child's signs and symptoms and any medication/treatment given will be put in writing and signed by the parent on collection of the child (or confirmed by text message/email as soon as practicable during the coronavirus pandemic)

During the coronavirus pandemic I will take medical advice as to whether the setting needs to close temporarily if a child in my care tests positive.

In an emergency

- I will call 999 for an ambulance
- First Aid procedures may be carried out as necessary
- I will contact parents as soon as possible and explain the situation
- Arrangements will be made to meet parents at the childminding setting or at the hospital following health care professionals guidance
- Relevant documentation will be taken including prior written parental consent for emergency medical treatment

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- If I need to accompany a child to hospital, my emergency back-up arrangements/back up cover may be used

Ofsted will be notified of any significant events.

Information on children's medical health needs will be recorded, including immunisation status.

If I or a family member is unwell with any illness I will inform you as soon as possible. If I or a member of my family shows symptoms of coronavirus I will close the setting and have all family members tested. If a family member tests positive we will remain closed. Once the household has either tested negative or isolated for the recommended 14 days and are in good health I will reopen. We will keep parents informed throughout. Fees will be reimbursed in this incidence.

In the event of a child coming down with a notifiable disease or in the event of a pandemic we will follow public health, local and/or government guidelines.

For any immunisation that have been missed, parents should seek advice from the child's GP or Health Visitor.

For the most up-to-date immunisation advice check on:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

Facts sheets and further information can also be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Coronavirus information can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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