

Policy statement: Illness and infectious diseases

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within my childcare setting and while I am off site.

Procedures**Sick children**

If there is a child in my setting who becomes ill whilst in my care, or whom I believe has an infectious illness or disease (for example a severe cold or stomach upset) I will;

- Contact the parents as agreed to arrange for the immediate collection of the child
- Ensure the child is excluded from my setting until they have been well for 48 hours, or in accordance with Health Authority guidelines.

If I believe a child in my setting is suffering from a disease or illness which requires notification I will inform the parents/guardians of my concerns and act on advice given by Public Health England (details of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> as to when they will be able to return to my setting. I will also inform Ofsted of any action taken.

I make parents aware of my sickness exclusion policy and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in my setting.

Children should be kept away from the setting for 48 hours following the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Other exclusion times are detailed in the attached document issued by Public Health. These exclusion periods are to minimise the spread of infection to other children and adults at the setting.

In accordance with the contract agreed with parents I expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are excluded from my setting due to an illness or infectious disease.

If I, or one of the members of my family, has a confirmed infectious disease, I will inform parents as soon as I am able.

As I will not be able to offer my childminding service I do not charge parents for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed in the contract.

I will inform the parents of the other children in my setting if a child I care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.

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Hygiene

I ensure all adults and children in my setting are aware of good hand-washing procedures, before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, playing outside or touching pets.

I use individual blankets and towels for each child, which I wash regularly.

I ensure there is a supply of tissues available for children.

I immediately clean up any spillage of body fluids using a disposable cloth and antibacterial spray or wipes.

I clean all surfaces and changing mats regularly.

I ensure that any animals on the premises are safe to be around children and do not pose a health risk.

I ensure that pet food dishes are kept away from children.

I have read and understand the illness and infectious diseases policy.

Childminder's name	LOUISE HARRISON
Childminder's signature	
Date	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

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This policy supports the following requirements and standards:

England

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

Health, Medicines

Links to your PACEY Professional Standards - Member

1. Children first

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Links to your PACEY Professional Standards - Affiliate

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