

## ILLNESS & INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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### **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 (how I will put the statement into practice)**

#### **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 notifiable disease, identified as such in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, I will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency (details of which can be found at [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)) and 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.

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

#### **Hygiene**

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

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

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I immediately clean up any spillage of body fluids using a disposable cloth.

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

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

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

Date policy was written	September 2013
This policy is due for review on the following date	March 2014

### **This policy supports the following requirements and standards:**

#### **England**

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

#### **Health, Medicines**

The provider must promote the good health of children, they must have a procedure discussed with parents for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when children are ill