



Sickness Policy

As a registered childminder I cannot accept any child suffering from a notifiable infectious disease or illness because of the risk the child will be imposing on the other children I care for, myself and my family. It is important that you inform me of any symptoms of ill health shown by your child in the last 24 hours, and it will be at my discretion if I should undertake the care of your sick child.

Procedure (how I will put the statement into practice)

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will contact you and I will ask you to take your child home. Childminding fees will still be charged, though depending on the length of time, a different arrangement can be negotiated to cover that period. If there is an infectious illness in my own family then I will inform you as soon as possible to allow you to make other arrangements. Under these circumstances no fees will be charged.

The following shows a list of some of the infectious disease or illnesses a child may suffer from and the recommended exclusion time from childminding.

Illness Exclusion time

Chicken pox - 5 days after spots appear and spots are dry and until clinically well

Common cold - None, unless unwell

Conjunctivitis - None, unless unwell

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting (with or without a specified diagnosis) - Until free of symptoms for at least 48 hours

Fever - Until clinically well

Flu - Until clinically well

Food poisoning* - Until clinically well

Gastroenteritis - 72 hrs after symptoms have cleared and until clinically well

Glandular Fever - Until clinically well

Hand, Foot and Mouth - Until clinically well

Headlice - Until cleared

Hep A * - Until 1 week after jaundice appears and clinically well

Influenza - Until clinically well

Impetigo - Until lesions are crusted or healed

Measles* - Five days from onset of rash and until clinically well

Mumps* - Five days from the onset of swollen glands

Rubella* - 7 days after rash and until clinically well

Scabies - 1 day after treatment and until clinically well

Scarlet Fever* - 5 days after treatment and until clinically well

Slapped Cheek - Until clinically well

Whooping Cough* - 5 days after treatment and until clinically well

Rachel Wiggins

More infectious diseases - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*, acute encephalitis*, acute poliomyelitis*, anthrax*, diphtheria*, dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)*, leprosy*, leptospirosis*, malaria*, meningitis*, meningococcal septicaemia*, ophthalmia neonatorum*, paratyphoid fever*, rabies*, tetanus*, tuberculosis*, typhoid fever*, viral haemorrhagic fever*, viral hepatitis*, and yellow fever*

* If your child has been diagnosed with this infectious disease, it is my duty as a registered childminder to notify the local Authority Officers under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988 and Ofsted and I will need confirmation from your child's GP that they are clinically well enough to go back into my care.

Childminder's name	Rachel Wiggins
Childminder's signature	
Date	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

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Meeting the Welfare Requirements

Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

"The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill."