



Swine Flu Policy

As an Ofsted Registered Childminder I come into contact with lots of people, toddler groups, school and pre-school drop offs and pick up, Children's Centres etc. It is therefore important that we follow good hygiene practice to protect ourselves and others from any infections and particularly the current out break of Swine Flu.

I ensure that we:

- Always carry tissues.
- Use clean tissues to cover our mouth and nose when we cough and sneeze.
- Bin the tissues after one use.
- Wash our hands with soap and hot water or a sanitiser gel often.

I will use this current outbreak to again reinforce good hygiene practice with all the children in my care. We will do activities and crafts around the theme to help the children understand the importance of good hygiene and not spreading germs. This will support the Every Child Matters Outcome 'Being Healthy'.

As in my normal practice please do keep me informed if your child is at all unwell. If you are concerned that your child may have swine flu or has been in contact with someone who has or is suspected of having it, please consult with your doctor and discuss with me before bringing your child. Please do not return your child to my care following any illness until they are fully recovered. I will keep all parents informed regarding the health of the children in my care.

I will follow the Governments Guidance [Infection control: how to reduce the spread of pandemic flu - guidance for childminders](http://www.bromleycma.org.uk) (available to view www.bromleycma.org.uk)

If you wish to discuss this policy please do not hesitate to contact me

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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."