

# Medicine and Sickness Policy

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I am happy to give your child non-prescribed /prescribed medicine such as cough mixture, Calpol or Nurofen, teething gel etc, but only if you have signed a parental permission form for me to see. I will contact you by telephone to check that it is still ok for me to give the medicine, even though you have signed a form. This will protect your child from being given too much. I.e if you have already given them some. I would appreciate it if you could tell me what they have had, when and how much was given. I will record this in my records and give you a copy at the end of the day, which will need your signature as well.

I will ensure that all medicine that has been given to me is stored properly and in date. If your child has a self-held medicine, please could you let me have an additional one to keep at my house eg inhaler. If your child has acute allergies and carries/needs an epi-pen, please discuss this with me so I can get additional training if needed. All medicines given to me to administer must be in its original bottle/container and not decanted. This must have the manufacturers guidelines on it and if prescribed, your child's name, date of birth, date prescribed and dosage details must be provided from the doctor/pharmacy.

If you have any concerns regarding medication, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.

## Sickness policy

I know that as a working parent, you require a childminder who is reliable. I will endeavour to work at all the times I am contracted to. I am happy to work when I have minor ailments such as colds etc, however, I will not work if I have sickness, diarrhoea or any other highly contagious infection. Continuing to work would only result in a further spreading of germs and I would be unable to give your child the care they would need.

## Sick Child Policy

If a child has an infectious illness e.g sickness , chicken pox etc, the child should stay at home and not be brought back until the illness has cleared or the guidelines have been followed as on the public health website, eg chicken pox until all scabbed over, 48hrs after sickness. If a child becomes ill at my setting, I will telephone you to come and collect. The child will be kept away from other children to avoid spreading. I will continue to care for your child until you arrive. I am happy to administer prescribed medicine, please see my medicine policy.