



# **CHRIS'S CHILDCARE CENTRE**

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **EXISTING LONG-TERM CONDITIONS:**

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care. Prior to commencing a childminding relationship, I will ask the child's parents/carers whether the child has a long-term medical condition that I should be aware of.

I will seek information from the child's parents/carers and other suitable sources concerning the management of the condition and will aim to work with the parents/carers to provide the most suitable care for the individual child.

I will try to accommodate all existing or newly developed long-term conditions, however if I feel I am unable to do so I will discuss the best route forward as soon as I realise this is the case.

### **CHILDMINDER ILLNESS:**

I know that as a parent, you require a childminder that is reliable. I will endeavour to work on all my contracted days. I am happy to work with mild illness such as a cold, however I will not work if I have sickness or diarrhoea, or any other highly infectious infection. In the event of my illness all parents will be contacted as soon as is possible to inform them. If I am unable to work because of illness one of my staff will take my place.

### **CHILD ILLNESS:**

Parents should inform me of any illness or ailment that their child has, whether it may affect other children I care for. If the child is unwell alternative caring arrangements for the child should be made unless the illness is a cough or cold or unless agreed otherwise at the time.

If a child becomes sick whilst in my care, I will endeavour to contact the parent and discuss the best course of action, which might be for the parent (or agreed alternative) to pick the child up early.

For the wellbeing of other children in my care, as well as for the unwell child, the child cannot return to my setting until they are well. On occasions I may insist on the child visiting their local GP prior to them being allowed to return.

I am unable to care for any ill child whilst taking care of other children. Usual fees are payable for any sessions not attended due to a child being ill.

If a child has been sick or has diarrhoea, in normal circumstances the child cannot return to my setting until they have been clear for 48 hours.

In accordance with the Children Act regulations. I will notify @Home childcare of any notifiable disease as defined by the Health Protection Agency. @Home childcare will also be notified if two or



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more children are affected by food poisoning or if any child has a serious disease. Notification must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but within 14 days of the incident occurring.

### **ANTIBIOTICS:**

Children who have been prescribed antibiotics will not be admitted to the setting for 24 hours from the start of their treatment. This is to avoid any cross infection and for the wellbeing of the child. On returning to the setting, parents must complete a medicine form for us to administer the medication. All medication must be in the original canister with its prescriptive label on containing the directions for administration on it.

### **MEDICINES:**

No Medicines can be administered without prior written consent from a parent. Parents give permission for me to administer medicines in their contract/permission form and by completing a medication form. Should I feel a child needs a dose of Calpol due to teething or for a cold, I will ring parents before administering to inform the parent of their child's condition and to ensure that it is safe to administer. Other medicines such as Nurofen can be administered after completion of a medication form.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND ILLNESS:**

In the event of your child suffering from one of the following illnesses, please be aware that your child will need to stay away from the childminding environment for at least the time stated below. I have taken guidance on these timescales from the Health Protection Agency. It is unfair to the other children in my setting to myself and the staff if you knowingly allow your child to attend whilst suffering from any of the listed illness.

#### **ILLNESS**

#### **TIME AWAY FROM SETTING**

Chicken pox	5 days from the onset of the rash/until all spots have scabbed
German Measles (Rubella)	6 days from the onset of the rash
Hand foot a mouth	GP advice/ when the child is well enough to return
Impetigo	Until the lesions have crusted and healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics
Covid-19 (Corona Virus)	14 days from developing symptoms. Whole house Self Isolation
Measles	4 days from onset of rash
Molluscum contagiosum	None
Ringworm	Exclusion not normally required but treatment will be needed
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Child can return 24 hours after starting antibiotics
Slapped cheek	None if child is well.
Diarrhoea & Vomiting	48 hours from last episode
Flu (influenza)	Until recovered
Whooping cough	5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after onset of illness

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If no antibiotic treatment

Conjunctivitis  
Tuberculosis

2 days  
GP advice

Diphtheria  
Mumps  
Tonsillitis  
**Head lice**

Exclusion always necessary, consult GP  
5 days after onset of swelling  
Until child is well

**If your child has live head lice that can be seen moving, we are asking you not to bring your child until they have been treated eggs gone, and we can no longer see any. We do have the right to turn your child away to safeguard other children and staff.**

Temperature  
Thrush

Until temperature subsides.  
3 days after treatment starts.

For any other illness please consult your GP or refer to the HPA website.

If you think your child is unwell, for any reason, and will struggle to cope with the busy day, please keep your child at home. It is unfair to expect them to keep up with the busy pace of the day.

Please also remember that should you send your child in, knowing they are unwell, and not meant to be in according to this policy, your child may infect another child myself or a member of staff

Which in turn causes inconvenience to all the families using our service.

I retain the right to send a child home if that child is unwell.

Further information:

[www.hps.org.uk](http://www.hps.org.uk)

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