



Seagull Childcare Shaldon, South Devon

SICK OR INFECTIOUS CHILDREN EXCLUSION POLICY

The Devon Child Minding Association has a very useful publication – ‘Infectious Diseases and Children : Guidance for Childminders’. This policy and procedure is based on their guidance.

I would be happy to show you this publication or you can contact the DCMA on 01 752 202059 if you want to arrange to receive your own copy.

As a registered childminder I will check to make sure that all children in my care have had up-to-date immunisations and if the parents/carers of any of the children have concerns that they should talk them through with their GP.

Sick children should not in general attend the childminding setting although mild snuffles and colds need not necessarily prevent a child from being minded. However an infectious disease, diarrhoeal illness etc. is a reason for the child to stay at home.

In order to protect children in the setting I will ensure that children do not attend if they have any of the following illnesses;

- Diarrhoea/vomiting or any other tummy sickness
- Flu
- Sore throats
- Eye infections such as conjunctivitis
- Glandular fever
- Ear infection
- Tonsillitis
- Whooping Cough
- Mumps, rubella (German Measles), Chicken Pox and other diseases

If I suspect a child is sick or infectious whilst in my care I will;

- Contact the parent/carer or if necessary designated to arrange immediate collection of the child.
- Consult the ‘Infectious Diseases for Children’ for possible exclusion.
- I will contact the parents asking them to take their child to their GP and not to attend again until the GP has agreed in writing that the child may do so.

If a child becomes unwell whilst in my care I will:

- Contact the parents/carers to advise the condition of their child and if necessary obtain their permission of medicine
- Keep the child informed of the condition of the child until collection

If a child is on medication which is required to be taken while in my care the following procedure will have to take place.

- The parents/carers of the child must give permission in writing
- This will be recorded in the Accident/Incident book with the parents’ signature
- A copy will then be given to the parents/carers when collecting their child