

# Select Childcare

## ILLNESS POLICY

I know how it is important for you to have reliable childcare and this is a high priority for me. However, there will be times when it is not possible for me to care for your child without compromising the health or well being of others. If your child is unwell then they will be better cared for in their own home. I am happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but cannot care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature as I have to consider the well being of all the children in my care. If I contract a contagious condition this could result in you being inconvenienced at a later date.

If your child has suffered with diarrhoea or sickness within the last forty-eight hours please keep them at home. I refer to 'The Spotty Book' for information on infectious diseases and incubation periods. This can be downloaded from our policies page. A hard copy is also available to read at the setting.

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will make them as comfortable as possible, while trying my best to prevent cross-infection to the other children. I will contact you immediately and continue to care for your child until you arrive to take your child home.

I am happy to administer medication with your written permission - please see my Medicine Policy. If I am unable to work I will let you know as soon as possible. If a member of my household is not well I will contact you, inform you of the illness/symptoms and if I am able to work. It would be appreciated if you would phone and advise me if you are keeping your child at home and when they are expected to return. If you have any concerns, I will be happy to meet and discuss them with you.

Childminder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Review date \_\_\_\_\_