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Policy statement: Illness and infectious diseases

It is my policy to keep children safe while they are in my care, promote good health and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection within my childcare setting and while I am off site.

I follow the requirements laid out in the EYFS framework and in any Department for Education and UK Health Security Agency guidance or guidance on local outbreaks.

Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)

In order to protect others who use my service and my own family, I require parents/carers to provide regular updates on the health of their family/household. I will share updates about my own family's health with parents/carers.

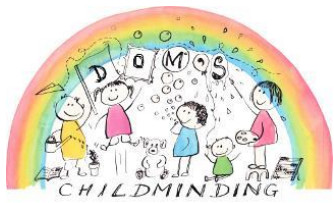
I expect all parents/carers to take necessary steps and follow Government guidance to prevent the spread of any infection. In addition, I will comply with this guidance to ensure the safety of my own family and those who access my childcare service. Failure to comply with Government guidance may result in termination of the contract.

Should I or any family member develop symptoms of respiratory infection, I will follow [government guidance for people with symptoms](#).

Other illnesses (including sickness and diarrhoea)

If a child in my setting becomes ill whilst in my care, or whom I believe has an infectious illness or disease I will;

- Keep the child away from the other children



- Contact the parents as agreed to arrange for the immediate collection of the child
- Ensure the child is excluded from my setting until they have been well for 48 hours, or in accordance with Health Authority guidelines. [Guidance on infection control in childcare settings](#)

If I believe a child in my setting is suffering from a disease or illness which requires notification I will inform the parents/guardians of my concerns and act on advice given by the UK Health Security Agency (details set out in [Health protection in education and childcare settings](#).) I will also inform Ofsted, of any action taken.

I make parents aware of my sickness exclusion policy and keep a record of the arrangements for the exclusion of a child should they become ill whilst in my setting. For more details please refer to the NHS poster displayed on the parents notice board. Copy can be emailed on request.

In accordance with the contract agreed with parents I expect to be paid for the child's place even if they are excluded from my setting due to an illness or infectious disease.

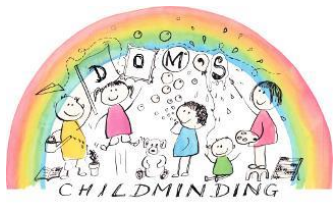
If I, or one of the members of my family, have a confirmed infectious disease, I will inform parents as soon as I am able. In this instance, if I am not able to offer my childminding service, I do not charge parents for the time the service is unavailable, as agreed in the contract.

I will inform the parents of the other children in my setting if a child I care for has a diagnosed infectious disease.

Hygiene

Hygiene procedures are important at all times. In my setting I take the following measures to help prevent germs spreading:

- Carry tissues with me at all times and use them to catch coughs or sneezes. I will bin the tissue, and wash my hands, or use an alcohol-based sanitiser gel.
- Wash my hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Display posters that show good hygiene and hand washing practice



- Avoid touching my eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

I also use a range of resources to promote hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

I ensure all adults and children in my setting are aware of good hand-washing procedures and respiratory hygiene and support them to carry out these procedures in line with Government guidance.

I ensure there is a supply of tissues and hand gel available for children to use when required, and I also help children to learn how to catch their sneezes and coughs.

Personal protective equipment will be used in the following situations e.g. sudden onset of illness which involves bodily fluids (vomit, diarrhoea).

I ensure that any animals on the premises are safe to be around children and do not pose a health risk.

Date policy was written	20/9/24
This policy is due for review on the following date	21/9/24

This policy supports the following EYFS requirements:

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements:
Health, Medicines.