

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

I follow the criteria below in order that I may promote safety within my home and on outings and ensure proper precautions are taken to prevent accidents. Also, in order to promote good health of children and to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate measures when they are ill.

### Health and hygiene

I will exclude children from my setting who are suffering from contagious diseases: most commonly: - chicken pox, measles, other childhood illnesses, conjunctivitis, sickness and diarrhoea, to prevent the spread of the infection.

Should any child need to be sent home, I will follow the procedures as set out in my sickness of children policy.

I will follow any protocol which is in place in respect of a child I may care for who may have a life threatening condition.

I undergo first aid training every three years and will follow the relevant procedure in the case of injury or accident to a child/adult. I keep my first aid kit in plastic container in a high cupboard out of reach of the children. Anything used from the first aid box is replaced immediately and use by dates checked regularly.

All accidents and administering of medicines are recorded and the forms signed by parent/carer. Written permission is always obtained before any medication is administered.

Parents advise me should their child suffer from any allergies on the information record prior to commencement of placement. I also ask them to keep me informed regarding their child's health or should their child become ill so that I may alert other parents if appropriate.

I require written permission to apply sun cream.

I have undergone level 2 in food safety and am qualified to prepare food and drinks by ensuring it is hygienically stored, prepared, cooked and served.

My premises and equipment are kept clean.

I implement good hygiene practices in order to prevent the spread of infection. I encourage the children to wash hands after toileting and before meals and to dispose of paper towels and tissues appropriately. I always wear disposable gloves and wash my hands after assisting children in the bathroom and nappy changing. Dirty nappies are bagged and disposed of in outdoor bin, soiled clothing double bagged and kept out of reach of children and given to parents on collection of their child.

I carry out regular risk assessments in all childminding areas, indoors and outdoors and when on outings.

No smoking is allowed on my premises.

No animals are kept on my premises.

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