Sue Scarbro's Illness and Infection Policy

Rationale

I am committed to providing an environment for children that helps prevent the spread of infection. This will entail children who are known to be infectious being kept away from my setting in order to maintain the health of others.

Procedure

If your child is slightly unwell due to a simple cold, teething etc. and can join in and enjoy the normal routines of the childminding day, please discuss this with me because they may still be able to attend. However happy your child is here when well, when poorly s/he will be much happier with their family, so if they are feeling really unwell, please keep them at home.

If your child is unwell with a high temperature and an infectious illness, please keep them at home until the infection passes. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return until 48 hours after the last bout in order to prevent the spread of infection to others. Please feel free to consult me if you are not sure if your child's symptoms mean that they need to stay at home. I refer to the governments guidance: 'Managing Specific Infectious Diseases: A-Z' for advice on periods of exclusion.

If your child becomes unwell during the day, I will contact you and it may be necessary for you to collect them. I will keep your child as comfortable as possible until you arrive, but will not be able to isolate them from other children so a prompt collection is required.

Children with a notifiable disease (needing to be reported to local health officials) must not attend until they have been cleared by their GP. If you are not sure if an illness is notifiable, please ask your GP or Health Visitor. I will inform you if any other child or adult has an infectious or notifiable disease. If a child who attends my setting has a notifiable disease, I am required to notify Ofsted as soon as is reasonably practicable, but always within 14 days. I will also contact Public Health England (PHE) and act on any advice given.

Childminder's Signature: SScarbro

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