

Jexys Juniors

Ofsted Registered Childminding Service

ILLNESS POLICY

My registration will not allow me to care for any child who is ill. This is a 'well-child' care facility. At no time do I provide care for children who are unwell.

- Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child for me to care for. I will not accept an unwell child who may present infection or hygiene issues towards other children in my care, including my own family.
- Any child with an infectious or notifiable disease must be kept at home (eg. measles, mumps, food poisoning). Please see infectious disease exclusion chart.
- Any child suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea must be clear for 24 hours before returning to the childminding setting.
- I reserve the right not to accept an unwell child who may adversely affect the care I am able to offer to the other children in the setting, or any child who needs the emotional support of their parent/main carer during their illness
- If a child becomes ill whilst in the childminding setting, parents will be contacted and informed and a decision will be made whether it is appropriate for the child to be collected. (Confirmation of a notifiable disease will be reported to the Public Health Authority and OFSTED)
- Any sick child in the setting will be cared for according to first aid training and regulations. Medicines (either 'over the counter' or prescribed) cannot be administered without the prior written consent of parents. I will seek medical or professional opinions where necessary. (Please see my **Emergency Policy** for situations needing hospitalisation.)
- All absence due to the sickness of the child (or parent) will be payable in full.

Sick children expose other children to the infection and require additional care and attention that I am unable to give. In my experience sick children want to be cared for by their parents in the comfort of their own home.

Linked to 1.4 EYFS Every Child Matters
Also see Medicine Policy, First Aid Policy