



Anne Riggs Childcare

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Accident and Illness Policy

It is my policy to keep children safe and well when they are in my care: In light of COVID-19, I will be asking parents/carers to provide regular updates on the health of their family /household in order to protect others that are using my service and my own family. I will share updates about my own family's health. Due to the threat from corona virus I am unable to care for children with any cough, a cold or running a high temperature. I have to consider the well being of all the children in my care and if I also contract a contagious condition this could result in you being inconvenienced at a later date.

If your child may be infectious or has suffered with diarrhoea or sickness within the last forty-eight hours please keep them at home and advise me of their absence.

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 actual or suspected illness or infectious disease.

My premises have been checked and they meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in England. I also regularly review, update and practise my safety routines, including fire drills and risk assessments.

As a registered childminder I am legally required to hold a valid paediatric first-aid certificate and my assistant must hold a valid paediatric first-aid certificate before having independent care of the children. We can administer basic first-aid treatment, and the first-aid box is clearly labelled and easily accessible in the dresser in the lounge. Emergency consent forms with parent contact details are kept in the first-aid box.

- I ensure all adults and children in my setting are aware of good hygiene practices and hand-washing procedures and will support them to wash their hands in line with Government guidance.
- I will avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- I ensure there is a supply of tissues available for children, and help children to learn how to catch their sneezes and coughs.

Covid Procedure: If I suspect possible covid 19 infection

If a child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they must be collected IMMEDIATELY and parents will be advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#). In the unlikely event of a parent being unavailable I would call their alternate emergency contact and would then assume charge until relieved by the parent or their designee. While a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people, if the weather is suitable this will be in the secure back garden if at home, but they will remain under supervision at all times. I will wear appropriate PPE when caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected it will immediately be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

If myself or my assistant help someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature we will wash our hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds after and the affected area will be cleaned with normal household disinfectant

Should I or any family member develop symptoms of coronavirus I will get tested, self-isolate for seven days and fellow household members will self-isolate for 14 days. In this circumstance, you will not be charged for any period that I have to close my setting and I will try to help you find alternative childcare if required.

Myself, my husband and all children who attend my setting will be able to access a test if they display any symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where a child tests negative, they can return to my setting and their household members can end their self-isolation in accordance with government guidance.

Where a child tests positive for COVID-19, the other children within my setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of these families do not need to self-isolate unless their child subsequently develops symptoms.

Procedure: If there is an accident/ non covid illness while a child is in the care of my setting

- First, I will reassure the injured/ill child while making sure that the other children in my care are safe. This may mean strapping a baby in a buggy or sitting an older child somewhere safe where I can see them, especially if out of the home.
- If possible, I will deal with the accident/illness myself. If I manage to deal with the accident/illness, then I will tell the affected child's parents immediately.
- If I am unable to deal with the emergency I will ring 999 for help.
- If I need to take a child to hospital I will take any relevant details. I will try to contact their parents as soon as possible and ask them to meet me at the hospital.

- If I have to accompany or take a child to hospital, I will either take the other children with me, or call my emergency back-up cover. This will be another registered childminder or known responsible adult, these people are named below.
- If there is an accident or emergency involving another child, myself or my emergency back-up cover may contact you and you will be expected to collect your child straight away.
- If I have an accident, I will get the nearest responsible adult to help, while my emergency back-up people are being contacted.
- I will do my best at all times to make sure the children in my care are safe, reassured and kept calm.

I hold written permission from parents to seek emergency treatment for their child if it is needed.

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 Public Health England in their 'Spotty Book', (details of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>) as to when they will be able to return to my setting. I will notify RIDDOR as soon as possible, within 24hrs of an accident if applicable and I will also inform Ofsted of any action taken.

If I, or one of the members of my family, has a confirmed infectious disease, I will inform parents as soon as I am able. In this instance, if I am not be 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.

If necessary I have an arrangement with another registered childminder to provide emergency back-up cover if my assistant is unavailable.

Emergency back-up cover

Back-up registered assistant childminder:

Name: Mr Glen Riggs **Telephone:** 01752 770500 / 07972557321

Back-up registered childminder:

Name: Sue Bowers **Telephone:** 01752 252666 / 07850239241

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