**Illness and Infectious Diseases**

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

We are willing to care for children with minor coughs and colds but will not be able to care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature, as we must consider the welfare of all the children in our care.

All children in our setting who are excluded due to having an illness or an infectious disease, such as severe cold or upset stomach, will not be allowed to return until they have been free from the illness for 48 hours. This is in order to minimise the risk of transmission of an infection to other children, myself or members of my household.

If your child becomes ill whilst in our care we will contact you immediately and make them as comfortable as possible until you arrive.

If we believe a child in our premises is suffering from a notifiable disease identified as such as in the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988, we will act on advice given by the Health Protection Agency and inform Ofsted of any action taken.