

Illness Policy

Whilst I am happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds, I request that children are to be kept at home under the following circumstances:

- He/she has a constant cough not related to allergies
- He/she has been vomiting within the last 48 hours
- He/she has had diarrhoea within the last 48 hours
- He/she has symptoms of a possible communicable disease (these are usually sniffles, reddened eyes, sore throat, headache, abdominal pain or vomiting, or fever)
- He/she has mumps, measles, chicken pox, pink eye, impetigo, conjunctivitis or any highly contagious condition

It is important that I take into consideration the other children that are in my care, as well as staff and my family and myself.

If your child is poorly then they will be more comfortable in their own home with you.

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will make him/her as comfortable as possible and try to isolate him/her from the other children if I feel this is necessary. I will contact you and continue to care and reassure your child until you arrive.

If a child is found to be suffering from a notifiable disease (as identified by Public Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 1988) I will inform Ofsted and the Health and Safety Executive. I will then act on any advice.

If my own children or I are poorly I will contact you to inform you of the nature of the illness and if I am able to work. This then allows you to make an informed decision as to whether you wish to bring your child or not.

Alternative Childcare Arrangements

If I am unable to work due to illness or for any other reason, I will try my best to assist you in finding alternative childcare arrangements. The children are familiar with my assistant and my husband. With your permission, I can try to arrange alternative care with one of them. A familiar face may be more reassuring for your child. Alternatively, you will find details of other childminders from the local council and family information service: fis@lambeth.gov.uk.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy, please contact me.

Khadija Daycare