

Alcohol, Smoking & Other Substances Policy

As an Ofsted registered Childminder I work alone and will have sole responsibility for your child whilst they are in my care. It is vital that I am alert to any dangers and able to protect him/her.

In order to do this effectively I must not be under the influence of alcohol or any form of drugs (including some prescription medication) If I am prescribed medication, other than routine antibiotics I must inform Ofsted who will make a decision as to whether I can continue to mind whilst taking them. I will not drink any alcohol during minded hours or immediately before. All of my over the counter medications will be stored in a cupboard, far out of the reach of children.

As this is the childminders home, alcohol may be present on the premises, but at all times this alcohol will be kept in a cupboard out of any child's reach, or locked away.

If you have been drinking, perhaps a work leaving party, Christmas party or whilst entertaining clients I would prefer if you arranged for another responsible adult to collect your child, especially if you plan to drive home. Alternatively you may call me and I can delay the pick up time if possible.

Smoking at all times is strictly forbidden, in all rooms. It is also forbidden in the outdoor space. Smoking will not be tolerated, and a parent/carer or visitor will be asked to leave if the rules are not adhered to.

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