

Childminding: COVID-19 Information for Parents and Carers

Why childminding?

As a childminder, I am proud to provide a vital childcare service to families in my local community.

I am a professional childminder, working from my own home to provide high-quality childcare.

I am operating in accordance with Scottish Government guidance and relevant infection control measures outlined in **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Childminder Services Guidance**¹ and provide a safe, stimulating and happy environment for your child.

Quality Assurance

- ✓ I am a registered childminder
- ✓ My service is registered and inspected by the Care Inspectorate. My latest inspection report is available to read on the **Care Inspectorate Website**²
- ✓ I have Public Liability Insurance
- ✓ I have completed all childminding training, as required
- ✓ I am a member of the **Scottish Childminding Association**³

Who can use my childminding service currently?

Under current Scottish Government guidelines relating to childminding and COVID-19, there are no restrictions on the number of children and families I can provide care for, as long as I remain within the terms of my Care Inspectorate registration.

Infection Control

To minimise the risk of the spread of infection, childminders are required to rigorously follow current Scottish Government guidance on social distancing and infection control measures within childcare and educational settings, including the following. (This list is not exhaustive)

- Increased daily cleaning routines.
- If you use your car for transporting children, you should wipe down your vehicle daily.
- Children should be dropped off at the door. Parents/carers should physically distance where possible and not enter the home.
- I would ask that children avoid bringing their own toys and any other items into my service, and parents can help to explain this to children. All my toys and equipment will be regularly cleaned as part of daily routines.
- Children's hands will be washed when entering my setting and several times throughout the day. Please explain this to children and continue this practice at home.
- Children should be nurtured and feel safe and confident in their environment. There is no requirement to maintain distance from younger children. Ensure parents are aware of this approach.
- I will risk assess my setting on an on-going basis to ensure that infection risks are minimised and are appropriate to the children in my care.

Parental Responsibilities

- If you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if anyone in your family you live with is displaying symptoms, you should follow the **NHS Guidance on self-isolation**⁴ and please do not bring your child to my childminding setting.
- You should inform me as soon as possible if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms to ensure I can take appropriate action within my setting.
- In line with current Scottish Government Guidance - anyone travelling anywhere, at home or abroad, must ensure they understand and follow the appropriate guidance, including self-

isolating at home for 10 days before returning to my childminding setting if you have spent time in a red or amber listed country. Please refer to Scottish Government guidance on **Coronavirus (COVID-19): international travel and managed isolation**⁵

- Please try to ensure you are adhering to social distancing measures at all times (not just when dropping off and picking up your child(ren) but while out for exercise, shopping, socialising etc) to minimise risks.
- Please respect and look after your childminder by following current guidance so I can continue to support your child and other families.

Further information

COVID-19 Information and FAQs from SCMA is available at childminding.org/covid-19.

Visit the SCMA website at childminding.org

¹ gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-childminder-services-guidance/

² careinspectorate.com/index.php/childminders

³ childminding.org

⁴ nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19

⁵ gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/



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