

Emergency Plan

I always have to hand phone numbers for the children's parents/guardians, children's gp, my gp, NHS Helpline. At home I have access to a landline on each floor, and when not at home I have my mobile telephone with me.

I regularly attend paediatric first aid courses every 3 years as required by Ofsted. First aid boxes are stored playroom and car and I have a third kit to take with me on outings.

A fire blanket is situated in the kitchen. There are 4 smoke alarms on the property – in the playroom, lounge, stairway and on the landing upstairs. All smoke alarms are checked regularly. Children are shown the smoke alarms and what they sound like. I regularly practice fire drills with the children and provide activities to encourage safety awareness, carefully planned so as not to alarm or frighten children.

In an emergency situation I can contact nearby Registered Childminders, if it becomes necessary to entrust the care of your child to someone else. In the unlikely event that I cannot contact a Registered Childminder, your child may be left with Myke or a trusted friend, neighbour or relative for a short period to await your collection. An emergency situation (eg, my accompanying an injured child in an ambulance) is the only situation that would lead to my leaving your child with someone else without your prior consent. At all other times minded children are within my sight or sound unless your child is attending preschool or other organised activity or you have given written permission for your child to travel unsupervised, eg from the bus stop to my property.

I may be contacted by another Registered Childminder in the event of an emergency. If this should happen I will assist by providing care for their minded children for a short period until they can be collected. I will provide reassurance and comfort to all children. If this takes me over the numbers of children my Ofsted registration allows I will notify Ofsted immediately. I will seek the assistance of trusted friends/neighbours if necessary to help ensure the safety and well-being of having extra children in my care; however such persons will not be left unattended with any child unless they are already registered as my assistant with the appropriate permissions from Ofsted.

An extreme emergency situation is the only circumstance that would lead to my exceeding the allowed child ratios, where this is the only means to ensure the safety and well-being of the children affected. At all other times, I abide strictly by the child ratios specified by my Ofsted registration and my public liability insurance.