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The safety of your child is paramount and I will take every measure I can to protect your child from hurting themselves.

My premises have been checked and they meet the EYFS Welfare Requirements for childminding outlined by Ofsted. I also regularly review, update and practice safety routines.

Being a registered childminder I am legally required to have a valid first aid certificate. I can administer basic first aid treatment and my first aid box is kept up to date and stored in the kitchen. Parent contact numbers are with the first aid box.

I hold written permission from parents to get emergency treatment for their child if it is needed.

#### **If there is an accident:**

I will comfort and reassure the injured child while making sure that the other children in my care are safe.

I will assess the extent of their injuries and will carry out any first aid procedures that are necessary and that I have been trained to do.

If necessary I will call for medical support/ambulance

If I have to accompany or take a child to hospital, I will either take the other children with me, or call my emergency back-up cover. This will be another registered childminder or known responsible adult. These people will be known to you and are named below.

If there is an accident or emergency, my emergency back-up cover may contact you and you will be expected to collect your child straight away.

If I manage to deal with the accident myself, then I will inform the parents immediately.

If I accompany or take a child to hospital, I will contact the parents and ask them to meet me at the hospital.

If I have an accident, I will get the nearest responsible adult to help, while my emergency back-up people are being contacted. I carry a card with my emergency telephone numbers and parent contacts.

I will do my best at all times to make sure the children in my care are safe, reassured and kept calm.

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All accidents and incidents will be recorded in the accident and incident book and signed by myself. Parents will be shown the details and asked to sign and date the relevant page when they collect their child.

### **Emergency Back-up Cover**

Known responsible adult: Alvat Garewal

### **Illness**

If a child is unwell then they will be better cared for in their own home with a parent. I am happy to care for children with minor coughs and colds but will not care for children who are very unwell, infectious or running a high temperature.

I cannot look after a child if they have had sickness or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours.

If your child becomes ill whilst in my care, I will make them as comfortable as possible and isolate them from the other children if necessary. I will contact you immediately to come and collect your child.

I am happy to administer non prescribed medication (calpol, nurofen, teething gel etc), however would need a signed parental permission form and for you to provide the medication clearly labeled with the child's name. Medication prescribed by a doctor would need an additional permission form. You must inform me of any medication you have given your child before they arrive into my care (name of medicine, dose and time given).

All medicine given to me to administer must be in its original packaging with the manufacturer's guidelines on it or doctor's instructions.

If your child has an inhaler please obtain an additional one for me to keep at my home.

I will contact you if one of my own children is not well and inform you of the illness/symptoms and if I am able to work, thus allowing you to make a decision as to whether to bring your child or not.

I am happy to work when my family and I have minor ailments (coughs, colds etc) however I will not work if my family or I have sickness or diarrhoea or any other highly contagious infection. Continuing to work would only result in a further spreading of the germs and I would be unable to give your child the care they deserve.

I would not work if I am taking medication which may affect my ability to look after the children properly.

I do not charge if I am unable to work through illness.

I will record all medicines given in a book and request a parental signature at the end of the day.