

Physical Contact Policy

As Ofsted registered Childminders we are very aware that each child has differing needs. Some children like to be affectionate and show it through hugs, and being close to their carer, others are not so tactile. I Sharon am happy to hug, hold hands, cuddle, tickle etc your child providing both you and your child are happy with this. I would never force a child to do any of the above if it made them feel uncomfortable.

We will restrain a child only if they are at risk of inflicting harm on themselves or others. We will separate children if they are fighting. We will restrain a child if they try and run into the road (or other potential danger). If we do need to restrain your child we will document it in our incident book and ask you to sign the record. The incident may also be recorded in the daily emailed diary. This is to protect all parties. (Please also see Behaviour Policy).

We will also need to have some physical contact with your child in order to ensure hygiene routines are carried out. For example the washing of hands, faces, and teeth and the wiping of noses. We are happy to assist with toileting according to the age and stage of ability of the child and to change nappies if required. If necessary we will change a child's clothes if they have had an "accident". There have been occasional times when we have had to bathe a child e.g. when they've had severe diarrhoea, and baby wipes haven't been adequate to clean up the faecal matter. Whilst the first floor of the home isn't used generally, we are allowed to use the facility under Ofsted regulations on an "as and when needed" basis.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to let me know.