

Visitors in Our Home

As Ofsted registered Childminders we are very aware of our role in keeping your child safe. Whilst children need to mix with other children and adults it is our responsibility to ensure the suitability of those that they come into contact during minded hours. We have therefore written the following policy regarding visitors in our setting during our minded hours.

All visitors who come into our home will be asked to sign our visitors' book, which will be available for viewing upon request by parents/carers.

We will not leave a minded child in a room alone with a visitor, unless we know they have been CRB cleared, for example another Ofsted Registered Childminder.

We will request identification from all visitors not known to us and will refuse entry if we are unsure of them. This is a statutory requirement, but of course common sense means no one can enter our home with or without identification.

We will endeavour, when possible, to arrange for any maintenance work to our property to be carried out at weekends and during non-minding hours. This of course is not always possible, and should maintenance operatives need access to the home to repair/maintain equipment etc, then the children would be kept in a different room to the given works.

All of our relatives respect, and understand that during the week, our home is a place of work, and as such do not visit. We do not entirely rule out those known to us visiting, but we certainly restrict visits (i.e. our own parents may visit, but it is restricted to a "flying visit", perhaps dropping off something at the door, collecting our own children for a trip out, but no extended stays are allowed).

With regards to visits by minded childrens' parents, we do not allow this. This may seem peculiar, but we have to respect the privacy of the children in our setting. Allowing a parent/parents to visit to see their child/children wouldn't be appropriate without the consent of the other parents of children who may be present at that time. We ask that you understand the reasons behind this, and of course if you have any concerns or queries pertaining to any aspect of the childcare provided, we are here at the end of each working day to discuss them at a pre-arranged time.

If you have any concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact us.