

Alcohol, Drugs and Adult Medication Policy

Rationale

Little Home Learners are committed to keeping children safe whilst in our care and in order to do this effectively, it is important that any adult who is responsible for children is not under the influence of alcohol, medication or any other substance that would affect their ability to care for or respond to children's needs.

Procedure

If either registered childminder or anyone else working with children is taking medication that may affect their ability to care for children, medical advice will be sought to ensure that the medication is unlikely to affect the ability to care for children properly.

If either registered childminder or anyone else working with the children has a reaction to medication during working hours then that person will stop caring for the minded children. This may result in the emergency back-up plan being put in place. Parents/carers will be kept informed of any changes to the care arrangements for their child under these circumstances.

Both registered childminders and anyone else working with children will not work under the influence of any alcohol or illegal drugs whilst minding your child or immediately before. All medication, drugs and alcohol will be securely stored out of the reach of children at all times.

Date of next review: February 2027.