

Concerns and Complaints Policy

As a registered childminder I aim to work in close partnership with all parents, to meet the needs of their children. I hope that you are happy with the service that I provide, but I appreciate there may be times when you feel that I am not offering you and your child(ren) the service that you require. I hope that you will feel able to discuss any concerns or issues that you may have with me directly. If you would rather not talk in front of your child(ren) then we can arrange a more convenient time, for example in the evening or at the weekend. I will make every effort to resolve the issue. If you prefer, you can put the complaint formally in writing or by e-mail to me. I have a mandatory duty to investigate all complaints relating to the EYFS Welfare Requirements for childminding.

Depending on the nature of the complaint, I will investigate myself or it will be passed on to Ofsted to investigate. Complaints will be treated sensitively. Under the requirements of the Early Years Register and the Childcare Register you will be notified of the outcome and receive a copy of any written records regarding the complaint within 28 days.

I will keep a written record of all complaints. It will remain confidential unless an Ofsted inspector asks to see it. I will record the following:-

Name of person making the complaint.

- Nature of the complaint.
- Date and time of the complaint.
- Action taken in response to the complaint.
- The outcome of the complaint investigation (for example, ways the service has improved).
- Details of the information and findings that were given to the person making the complaint (which should have been provided to them within 28 days), including any action taken.
- I will also keep a summary of the complaint to provide on request to any parent of a child for whom I act as a childminder and Ofsted. This summary will not include the name of the person making the complaint. Records will be kept for 3 years.

If you wish to make a formal complaint then you can contact Ofsted on 0300 123 1231.

Ofsted produces guidance on concerns and complaints about childminders and childcare providers. This is available on the Ofsted website and provides guidance on the complainant's right to contact Ofsted.