Transporting children policy

The safety of your child is paramount, and I have therefore put together the following procedures regarding the transportation of children in my car and on public transport.

Car Safety

I have a full, clean driving license, which is available for you to see on request.

I will ensure my car is in a roadworthy condition, with a valid MOT certificate and road tax.

I will ensure I have adequate motor insurance, which covers business use and that the certificate is available for you to see upon request.

Where possible, I will avoid taking your child to a petrol station by filling up my car before or after minded hours. In the event of unexpectedly needing petrol, I will use a garage that has pay at the pump services.

I will ensure that all car seats are correctly fitted, following the manufacturer's instructions, that they are age and stage appropriate for the children using them, and that children are correctly strapped into them at all times. If necessary, I will purchase additional restraints to add to a car seat in order to maintain children's safety.

I will ensure that the maximum number of passengers for the car is never exceeded.

I will ensure that the child safety locks are in use on my car, along with window locks.

I will never leave a child unattended in the car.

General

I will teach children about the dangers of cars and roads in an age-appropriate way.

I will advise you in advance if we are making any trips in the car or on public transport, except any scheduled school runs which you will already be aware of.

I will always carry a mobile phone with me in case of an emergency but will not answer it while driving. I will return calls on my return to the setting, unless urgent.

I will always carry identification for me and emergency contact details for minded children in case of an emergency.

I will always carry a first aid kit in the car in case of an accident or emergency.

I will discuss with the children how to stay safe and what is appropriate behaviour before leaving the setting.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please let me know immediately and we can discuss the practicalities in more detail.

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