

# Winter Newsletter 2009

Katrina's Childminding Services

## Christmas Holidays

Just a reminder that the Christmas Holidays will be upon us very soon. Could you please let me know what hours you will be requiring over the festive period.

I will be working throughout the festive period and should you need emergency cover then please let me know even if it's at short notice.

Most schools in the Falkirk area will be closing on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009 at around 12.30pm. Please let me know as soon as possible if you require your children to be collected on this day.



## Service Update

So what's been happening since our last newsletter ?

Well! We've had some cavity wall insulation installed thus hoping to keep the children warmer during the winter months and cooler in summer. We've also been working on the notorious decking over the summer however, the problem with it being slippery isn't completely resolved but there has been an improvement. We will keep working to resolve this issue until we find an appropriate solution. A new policy has been issued with regard to Flu and Swine Flu so you should check my website for more information regarding this and there is more information at the end of this newsletter.

## Winter is Coming !



As we move into winter I'd just like to take this opportunity to remind parents to provide appropriate clothing and if at all possible please provide your children with wellington boots when snow is forecast.

As I live at 120m above sea level snow can and usually does occur here and should it become difficult for the car to cope, your children may have to walk home from school with me in the snowy conditions.

## Christmas Party



**All the kids are invited to our Christmas Party!**

Lots of naughty food, dancing, games and a present from Santa.

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009  
2.30pm until 4.30pm**

Children already being minded after 4.30pm won't be required to be collected at that time and you should collect them at your normal time.

## Summer 2009 Excursions

It was a good summer for excursions this year considering the varying hours the children attend my service. We managed to visit Edinburgh Zoo, Blackness Castle, Soft Play, Cinema Trip to watch Ice Age 3D and Ten Pin Bowling. All the kids had a FABULOUS time !

## School Holiday Dates



**23rd Dec 2009  
to 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010** – Christmas & New Year Holiday  
**12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010** – Staff Development Day  
**15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010** – Staff Development Day

## Season's Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for using my services over the last year or more.



**We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**

## Emergency Childcare

I'm now a member of Emergency Childcare. Emergency Childcare provides access to childcare spaces across the country. This service is geared towards people in desperate and urgent need for childcare for various reasons. You can find out more at :

<http://www.emergencychildcare.co.uk>

## Flu/Swine Influenza

All flu like symptoms including Swine Flu are highly contagious and if as a parent or carer, you suspect that you have contracted flu/swine flu then your children are at a higher risk of becoming infected and becoming carriers of the virus.

I am required to protect and minimise the risks of transmission to other minded children in my care, not to mention minimising the risks to my own family.

I have specific hygiene policies in place to alleviate contamination of my premises and vehicle through hand contact with surfaces including regular disinfection, cleaning and strict hand cleaning programmes.

There is a new policy regarding this available to view on my website at this address:

[http://www.agfalkirk.co.uk/viewpage.php?page\\_id=37](http://www.agfalkirk.co.uk/viewpage.php?page_id=37) or visit [www.agfalkirk.co.uk](http://www.agfalkirk.co.uk) and select Flu/Swine Flu from the left hand menu.

Full information can be obtained directly from the following Organisations:

World Health Organisation

<http://www.who.int/en/>

Health Protection Agency

<http://www.hpa.org.uk>

## Katrina's Childminding Website



For Policy Statements, news, handy hints, recipes, availability, excursions, children's art and much more please visit my website.

[www.agfalkirk.co.uk](http://www.agfalkirk.co.uk)

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