

ADDENDUM TO PACEY REGISTERED CHILDMINDING CONTRACT

The following provision shall form part of the childminding contract between childminder _____ and parent/guardian _____ dated _____.

If the registered childminder is forced to close for reasons beyond the registered childminder's control, the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree that during the period of closure, they will pay a retainer fee of £ _____ per _____ to retain the child's place at the setting (24a).

The notice period, as referenced in the contract, cannot include a period of holiday of either party or the registered childminder's paid time off, or during a time when the registered childminder is not providing care or being paid in full. But, the notice period *can* include a period when the circumstances of forced closure (24a) apply.

Notes for guidance:

24a. *If the registered childminder is forced to close for reasons beyond the registered childminder's control (for example, due to; severe adverse weather, an epidemic or pandemic, a severe outbreak of disease or plague, an instruction from government to close or any other reason required by law) the parent(s)/guardian(s) agree that during the period of closure they will pay a retainer fee to enable to registered childminder to retain the child's place at the setting.*

This clause would not apply to any period of suspension imposed on the registered childminder by Ofsted due to an investigation into the childminder's registration.

It is suggested that the calculation for this retainer reflects any amounts charged for other previous retainer fees to ensure consistency. Any retainer needs to be agreed by both the childcare provider and parent, and should be deemed fair and reasonable by both parties.

This addendum shall not alter, modify or change in any other respect the contract, with the exception of the above.

This section is to be signed by all parties to the contract:

Registered childminder

_____ Date _____

Parent/guardian

_____ Date _____