Policies and Procedures: Alcohol and Substances.

It is my policy to keep children safe when they are in my care. In order to do this I will ensure that neither I, nor anyone else who has contact with the children whilst in my care, is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which may affect our ability to care for your child(ren).

Any alcohol will be kept out of reach of the children and in the Barn will usually only be wine used for cooking. This will be clearly marked as a cooking ingredient and where possible be out of sight of the children too. Medicines will also be kept out of sight and reach of the children.

I will ensure that anyone who has contact with the child(ren) in my care, who are taking prescribed medication which may affect their ability to care for children, will seek medical advice and only work directly with children if it is confirmed that their ability to look after your child(ren) will not be impaired.

Drugs and alcohol are now more readily available to younger children. If I have any concerns that your child may be drinking alcohol, taking drugs or smoking I will discuss the matter with you immediately.
I will then work with you to support your child, however I reserve the right to terminate our contract with immediate effect if I am concerned that your child's behaviour due to drugs/alcohol may be putting the other minded children at risk.

First Written: 3rd March 2015 Last Updated: 28th September 2018 Signed:

Based on section 3.19 of the statutory requirements.
To be read in conjunction with the following policies: Medicine, Safe Storage, Smoking.

Date	Signed	Date Reviewed	Signed