

The Local Offer

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My child has SEND. I would like to look around. What do I need to do?

Please contact me by phone or email, I have an answer machine so please free to leave a message as I may be dealing with other minded children at the time and this is my priority. If you would like to visit this can be arranged during the days or weekends so to get to know and understand you and your child / childrens needs in a relaxing environment. I am a childminder with 19 years of experience and I have had previous experience of looking after children with extended needs.

How will my child and I be made to feel welcome and how will you get ready for my child coming?

I always welcome the whole family to my setting to understand how it works. Before the child starts a discussion will take place so to understand the exact needs of the child and how this will be worked through together. Understanding their needs and abilities will allow us to produce record sheets on their development which works along side the current documentation I perform for other children in my care.

How accessible are your premises?

The house is accessed by means of a step at the front and one at the rear but these are shallow and can be overcome by a ramp. A side gate gives access to the rear of the property for which the garden is fully accessible for a wheel chair. I have a downstairs toilet and shower but do not have a stair lift. Children are allowed to play in the majority of the downstairs rooms and I also have a play room dedicated for childminding upstairs. I visits many groups and along with being active in the community I run a support group on a Monday morning and a parent and toddler group on a Friday morning.

How will you keep my child safe?

As part of my Ofsted registration, safeguarding children is a main priority and with the policies I have in place I adhere to making sure your child is safe and treated with the upmost respect. First aid is a mandatory requirement for a childminder and I am keen on keeping my knowledge up to date for all circumstances. Risk assessments are a must with in the childcare setting and these are completed for new activities and existing one's reviewed on a frequent basis to acknowledge they still cover all requirements. I have performed various courses on child safety, food hygiene and child development to give different approaches to my setting and engage the children.

How will you communicate with me what my child has done, enjoyed and learnt?

I believe communication at the end of a day is vital. I will keep a log of all instances of good / bad behaviour and will talk this through with you at the appointed pick up time. This allows us to have a discussion and if required this can be done at a later time when the child is not present as sometime this can be distressing. Celebrating children's achievement's is important and I will take evidence to be able to show you this if you have given permission.

How do you work with other professionals?

I currently run a childminder / parent support group which is based at a Beacon nursery and along with this I run a toddler group on a Friday for which both I have been doing for 6 years.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

I am always striving to improve my knowledge for all abilities of children by completing different aspects of training. I am happy to participate in a course which is felt benefits the child, whoever this is recommended by

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

All needs of your child will be discuss and then a plan of action put into place to meet these. I will work with you to identify any toys / equipment which between us we believe will be of an advantage for your child. All areas of my care are aimed at stimulating senses and other interations from the child.

How will you get ready for my child going to his/her new school?

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I will support all transition to school where possible and discuss all the information / experience with the school (after yourself giving permission). This will allow all details to be passed over and for the school to be able to use these.

How will you and I know how my child is doing and how will you help me to support my child's learning?

I always give a very detailed verbal handover on picking up of the child, and expect this in return on dropping off of the child in the morning. This allows us to build a relationship to keep the care of the child continuous. I will always ask for any feedback but will always give my professional childminding view as well with the experience I have.