

# The Local Offer

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

If you phone me we can arrange a visit to look around and discuss your child's needs. If you visit my Facebook Page Kim's childminding you will see some of the activities I do with the children.

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

Once you decide to join my childminding practise I will arrange some settling in visits. These visits will help your child get to know me, the children and the setting. I will ask you to fill out an all about me form and discuss your child's routine and daily needs.

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## *How accessible are your premises?*

I have a small step at the front of my house. As I live in a terraced house there is only one bathroom upstairs. The toys in the lounge are at child height and accessible to all the children. There is a small step into the kitchen which leads into the garden. The garden is on one level with a range of toys and a playhouse.

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## *How will you keep my child safe?*

I risk assess my house on a daily basis. If we go out in the car I risk assess the place we are visiting. I have a behavior policy, and a safeguarding policy. My husband, and son have a crb check and my other son and daughter have a DBS check. As I've been childminding since 1998 have been checked by social services. We are all paediatric first aid trained. My last Ofsted was a good. I have forms for administering medicine and an accident/incident book which parents sign when necessary. I make a note of any allergies the children have and discuss diets with the parent.

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

I will provide a daily diary for your child noting what they have been doing during the day. I will also do a learning journey for them full of photos and observations, alongside a tracker book showing what stage I feel your child is at. I have a Facebook page where you can see your child enjoying different activities. I will text or phone if necessary, sending photos over WhatsApp to reassure if the child has been upset. Though I will always talk to you at drop off and pick up times about anything you feel I need to know for that day.

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## *How do you work with other professionals?*

I liaise with the preschools and schools. I liaise with other childminders and go on training courses. I have access to pacey where I can talk to professional childcare experts.

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## *What training have you/your staff had in SEND?*

I have 19 years childminding experience, and have my nvq3 in early years child care and education. I have completed several courses with Menphys outreach program. I have a paediatric first aid certificate and epi-pen training. I have had experience looking after children with ADHD, Autism, and speech and language delays.

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## *How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?*

I will discuss with you what your child likes to play with and what strategy works best for your child with regard to getting the best out of them. I will suggest they bring a familiar toy to my setting on the first few visits as reassurance. I will observe your child and make notes on how your child reacts to certain environments so I can provide the best possible play opportunities for them.

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

I will get permission from you to liaise with the school and share information with them. I will talk to your child about moving to school and visit if possible. I will encourage your child to take their learning journey to school to show their new teacher what they like to do.

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

Your child's development Will be tracked using a learning journey book and a tracker book.I Will regularly share this with you and talk to you about any concerns that I might have.I will use the information collected through observation to create next steps to bring your child's development on.