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Name of Setting: Purple Rocket Nursery

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

Please telephone Susan on 01162414686 to make an appointment to view the nursery and to chat with Susan about our nursery facilities

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

You will be shown around the nursery by Susan the owner. Purple Rocket is a family run business with the owners daughter working at the nursery, as well as her grandchildren attending. It has been set up with families at the heart of everything we do. Susan and her daughter are both qualified Teachers. Susan has had many years teaching experience, and has worked and cared for many children with SEN.

How accessible are your premises?

The nursery is based in an old house. The ground floor is accessible for all abilities but we have no lift for the upstairs of the house. We have a disabled toilet downstairs. The garden area is easily accessible for all.

How will you keep my child safe?

We have stringent Health and Safety Policies (available at the nursery to see if you wish) All areas used by the children are checked every morning and all activities are Risk Assessed . However, we are aware that in order for children to succeed in life and to become what is generally termed "Ready for School" , the children are challenged with activities every day at levels that are suitable for them. Activities are carefully planned and suitably differentiated.

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

We have daily diaries for our younger children. A plan of weekly activities is also placed in our parents room for all to see. We also have regular Stay and Play sessions where parent, grandparents and carers can come along and play with the children. Assessment records are also available for to see . We check children's progress every 6 months (as per the requirements of the LEA) and the outcomes are discussed with parents/carers.

How do you work with other professionals?

We liase closely with our area SENCO as well as other professionals. We also have very close links with our local schools which helps with transition to school.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

A have a named member of staff (Hayley)who is our current SENCO . She is currently on maternity leave but will be returning in the Spring of 2015. In the meantime, Susan and her daughter will be managing the role of SENCO. Both Susan and Hayley are SEN trained but have yet to receive SEND training.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

We pride ourselves in making our play opportunities relevant to all our children. This is done by carefully observing the children to find out learning styles and preferences.We also liaise with parents to find out about their child's likes/dislikes in the home environment. This enables staff to plan appropriate activities for all the children in our care, whatever their abilities.

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

We liase closely with the next carer/teacher etc and carefully manage the transition. Within the nursery our staff work as a large family, so all the children are known to all the staff anyway.

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

We will formally track your child's progress regularly and share this information with you. We will also keep in touch informally

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through daily chats, daily diaries and Stay and Play sessions.