

# The Local Offer

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

Please feel free to give me a ring to arrange a visit, at which point we can have a brief discussion about the care that is required by you and your family, for example, the days and hours required, pick up/drop off times, any special requirements. I can arrange for the visit to be at a time that best suits you and your family, either during the day or in evening when the house is a bit quieter. During your visit I will give you an information pack, telling you all about me and my family and what facilities I offer in my setting. My policies can be emailed, or given to you to read at your convenience. We will discuss in depth all your requirements and if I am able to meet your needs.

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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?*

When you have made your decision and are happy to start making plans, pre visits will be arranged. There are no set rules for settling in your child, you may visit as many times as required. You are welcome to come at various times in order to meet the other family members and children. I also do home visits if they are required to give me a better understanding of the child and their requirements whilst they are in familiar surroundings. Your child is welcome to bring a favourite toy/comforter if you wish.

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## *How accessible are your premises?*

Childcare is provided in a home based setting. There is a step into my house at all three exits, however a temporary ramp could be used to allow access. I do not have a downstairs toilet or stair lift. I walk the school/preschool run, twice a day, which is a 5-10 minutes walk from my setting. I have a quiet area in my lounge, should this be required for sleep or quiet time. All the children eat together at the dining table. I have a playroom, which gives the children access to the toys at all times. The garden is fully enclosed, there is a small step from the patio onto the grass.

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

My setting is Ofsted registered and was given a good at last inspection. Keeping your child emotionally and physically safe is of utmost importance to me. I have a CRB check in place, I hold a current paediatric first aid certificate and child protection which are updated every three years. I have a range of policies, including Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Feelings and Behaviour etc. Dietary requirements and allergy's are discussed and followed. Accident and incident forms are completed and shared with parents. My house is risk assessed on a regular basis.

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

I believe it is very important to share and reflect on your child's day, this will be done verbally at the end of each session. I also encourage parents to share any of the child's experiences or achievements that take place outside of my setting, however small! I am happy to provide a daily diary if this is required. I will contact you throughout the day (especially during settling in) if this is required, to help put your mind at rest. You are encouraged to take home your child's learning journey to show the different activities and achievements, as well as their development.

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

I have strong links with Battling Brook Primary School. In partnership with parents, I am happy to liaise with other professionals/outside agencies who maybe involved with your child. I will share any concerns with you as parents and after an initial discussion, I am happy to speak to other professionals for guidance and advice.

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

I have been a Childminder for over 8 years. I have three children of my own. I update my setting continuously upon receiving correspondence from Leicestershire County Council, Early Years or from Ofsted. I am happy to access specific training to benefit the needs of your child. I am a member of PACEY (Professional Association of Childcare and Early years), which gives me access to various courses and additional information. I have an NVQ level 3 in childcare learning and development.

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

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I will discuss with you as Parents, the individual needs of your child in order to identify any specialist play equipment/toys that would benefit your child. Child led play will be encouraged, enabling me to support and develop your child's individual interests. I aim to provide an inclusive, stimulating and challenging environment, which best reflects your child's needs. There is also a quiet area in my setting for your child to rest and relax as and when required. I have indoor and outdoor space for your child. I visit different groups within the community, as well as the library, local parks and farms, all providing different learning opportunities for your child.

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

I work closely with Battling Brook Primary School and Pre school - as we visit everyday your child will be familiar with then before being introduced themselves. I will get parental permission to share any key information with the new setting about you child. I can visit the new setting with you and your child to meet with teachers/key workers if you think this would be helpful to your child.

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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 progress is observed, tracked and developed through play. I will create a learning journey unique to your child which will contain photos and information relating to your child 's learning and development. This will be shared with yourself and with preschool/school (with your permission), to ensure the best outcomes for your child.