

The Local Offer

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

The setting can be contacted via email or telephone at anytime during the weekend or after 6.30pm Monday - Friday.

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

Through discussion with you the parent, it will be ascertained what current likes and dislikes your child has, this will assist in preparing the environment prior to your first visit. It is hoped that a few familiar toys will assist in helping you and your child feel at ease within the setting.

How accessible are your premises?

Access to the house and grounds is via a cattle grid. The house has 3 entrances which all have a small step. There is a downstairs cloakroom with the main bathroom situated on the first floor.

How will you keep my child safe?

DBS checks are in place for myself, my husband and my assistant. Current and up to date first aid training. Current and up to date Safeguarding training. Risk assessments are part of our daily working practice. Gates to the childrens play areas are locked. Safety measures are in place throughout the house and reviewed regularly.

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

Verbal feedback on the day your child has been in the setting alongside a daily diary to document food intake etc. A learning journey to document your child's learning and development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (2014). These books will be accessible to you at all times and it is imperative that parents engage with their child's individual books, adding any information that will help us best provide care and education for your child to progress.

How do you work with other professionals?

Open, professional and positive communications with all agencies that may be involved with your child. Children are required to have a 2 year progress report that is to be shared with health visitors. Support is also available from Leics County Council and provide signposting to other services if required.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

I am a graduate early years practitioner that is committed to ongoing professional development, I currently hold a BA Hons Degree in Early Years and have taken shorter courses on special needs, behaviour, equality and diversity and child protection. I have a Memphys level 2.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

Your child's needs will be assessed on entry to the setting and any differentiation that is required for play resources and activities will be implemented through planning. This will be an ongoing approach as young children's needs change rapidly and working practice and play will be adapted accordingly as and when necessary.

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

Collaboration with the new school, transitions activities that support both the parents and carers and the child.

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

Working together with all involved with the child to ensure a well rounded accurate picture of the child is presented. Information will be provided through a range of ways -eg: pamphlets, DVDs, books, websites and one to one sessions to enable us to provide support on a very individual basis that promotes the best outcomes for the parents/carers and child.

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