

# The Local Offer

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

Please phone me on 0797 1987 902 to arrange an appointment.

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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?*

I am always happy to meet new families at my home. We start with an informal chat, where I provide a Welcome Pack full of details about me, my family and my setting. Settling in sessions are something that I insist on doing, so that both new parent and child are happy.

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*How accessible are your premises?*

I have parking to the front of the house and although, there is a step to the front door, a ramp could be provided for wheelchair access. All internal doors are 2'6" wide. There is a downstairs bathroom and the back garden is on one level along with the back door.

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*How will you keep my child safe?*

For any child in my care, my top priority is for their safety and well-being. I continually risk assess wherever we may be. I have also just completed a refresher course on Safe-guarding Children.

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

I always give parents a run-down of their child's time with me. Learning Journeys are provided. If English is not the first language, then I would do my utmost to provide a translator.

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*How do you work with other professionals?*

As part of my contract I ask that parents allow me to speak to other agencies/professionals as and when required.

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

I have attended several Makaton workshops provided by Menphys. I, of course, have up-to-date paediatric first aid. Experience wise, although, I have not worked with a disabled child before, I did spend ten years caring for my father who suffered from MND. So I do know the day-to-day practicalities of caring for someone in a wheelchair.

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

The activities would be adapted to suit the child's needs e.g. learn to tell stories using sign language/makaton for a deaf child

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

I have good relationships with the playgroups/nurseries/primary schools in the area and would encourage additional visits to support the child if required.

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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?*

I pride myself in developing close working relationships with all my families, so that they know that I am always available to help them. Together we would have agreed common targets and goals that we would aim to reach.