

The Local Offer

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

Please contact me any time via email or text and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for you to visit. I am not always be available to answer the phone but will respond to emails or texts as soon as I can.

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

We will arrange a mutually convenient time for an initial visit, I will ask about your child's likes/dislikes/fears beforehand. You would be welcome to bring any trusted family members or friends with you for support.

How accessible are your premises?

I have a large back gate with a slope leading up to my back garden. There are however steps to get up by the back door. The front entrance is via a standard sized gate. There is a small step down from the gate and the front door is a standard sized one. There is the possibility of alterations being made should this be needed.

How will you keep my child safe?

I have a written risk assessment which is updated annually and I do daily risk assessments before the children's arrival in the mornings. I risk assess all outings. I keep small children safe in well maintained pushchairs, or use backpack reins. Younger school children hold on to the pushchair to cross roads. I regularly update my safeguarding and first aid training. I make good use of safety gates around the house. The equipment I have for children is well maintained and replaced as necessary.

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

For children up to around 3 years old I use a daily diary. I can extend the use of these at the parents' request. I use a tracker to track your child's progress and I do a learning journey for children aged up to 5 years. Communication is very important to me and I can always make myself available for a chat with or without your children present. I'm happy to give up some of my free time to discuss anything that is bothering you or your child.

How do you work with other professionals?

I meet up with other childminders once a week at our local Sure Start. I'm happy to meet up with anyone specific to your child's health and well being, I'm happy for them to visit at my setting.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

This is not something I've yet done as such but certainly something I could be looking into.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

I will discuss your child's needs with you at our initial visit and work together with you for ideas on play opportunities.

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

I will complete a transition form. I am happy to attend settling in days with your child where possible.

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

We use development trackers, I will ask you to update me on your child's interests each term so that together we can consider ideas for play and learning opportunities.