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

For any enquiries you can phone, text or email myself. I will make an appointment for you to come and have a look around my settings you can do this by yourself or with your child, you can bring a family member or friend and can have a few visits if you wish. I have been an ofsted registered childminder since April 2013, with a grading as good. My daughter is my assistant whom you will meet as she will be part of your Childs daily routine in my setting.

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

Everyone is made to feel welcome in my setting, i will tell the children that we are expecting visitors and say their names and why they are coming. I will talk to your child and ask questions (age appropriate) i will encourage your child to join in; I will talk to you about your Childs needs, and to give you an idea about what things we do on a daily basis, any ideas or routine that you would like to add to my setting for your child will be assessed and put into place. We will discuss any allergies, medication, routines that your child requires the more i know the easier transition to my setting will be. I will offer settling in sessions usually this will be over a few weeks leading up to a start date. You will receive a contract pack with a questionnaire booklet "All about me" this you can ask your child to help fill in with you If your child has a comforter this will be welcomed. your child will have a coat peg and toilet peg with a picture of themselves and their name on it.

How accessible are your premises?

I have a small step up to the front door. A ramp can be fixed if needed. My play room and toilet facilities are on the ground floor. I have patio doors leading to the garden with a step down this can also be adapted to have a ramp. My garden is patio and decking and is easily assessable it is all enclosed with a lock on the back gate. My kitchen is on the first floor; however i can accommodate a eating area downstairs. I have a large hallway that has laminated flooring, the play room is carpeted.

How will you keep my child safe?

Keeping your child safe, warm and secure is my priority. Both my daughter and I have a DBS (formerly CRB). All my children/adults whom live in my home over 16 years old also have a DBS. My daughter and i have both attended a paediatric first aid course and have certificates. I have policies in place for; child protection, safeguarding, bullying, behaviour and many more these i will give to you to take home and read. I have attended a safeguarding course and check regular updates. I risk asses the garden, outings, toys, areas of my home these are checked on a regular basis I have a daily check list that covers garden, toys, toilets, safety gates, cars seats along with other areas. Every month the fire alarms, smoke detectors and first aid box get checked. We have regular fire alarm practise all children take part in these. I have public liability insurance. I have childminders insurance for my car. I use the correct car seats /booster seats in my car to carry the children. All visitors sign the visitors book, if i need work to my home the children are never left alone. Front and back doors are locked where the keys are out of reach on a hook by the door from the children.

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

I send home a daily diary sheet this covers what your child has done ie, who they have played with, if they have slept, what they have eaten, what songs/stories we have read/sang, nappy change. I talk to parents on drop off and pick up time some patents enjoy a picture message of them doing something different. If parents wish to come and watch their child play/chat i can accommodate that. I am available to have little meeting to discuss their child, after i finish for the day. Each child has a learning journey this is where i place pictures of observations linked to the EYFS, theses are available for parents to take home and look at and comment if they wish, i do take a lot of pictures of a child which i then put into a scrap book for your own purpose. I encourage parents to send in or talk about something special ie new baby, new house, and holiday. I have pictures up on display of what the children have been up to. I get parents involved by giving mum and dad homework (this is fun work) the children like to do this. I give out certificates for the children when they can put/take of their coat, do the zip/buttons up, toilet training, give up their dummy/comforter.

How do you work with other professionals?

I have links to a local school where some children go to. I have several childminding friends and we attend play groups, have Christmas parties together. I have a local sure start centre that i can visit or ask for advice. With the parents' permission i can liaise with outside professionals ie health visitor, speech and language therapist. I have a very good relationship with all my parents, that

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we communicate very well over their child they know they can talk to me at any time

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

I have attended safeguarding courses. Paediatric first aid course. How to set up a home based child care course. CYPOP 5 Just finishing a diploma level 3 in children and young people work force. I am a member of Morten Michel and receive regular updates and information. I am a member of home child care magazine and receive a monthly update. I get regular up dates from my local authority. I fundraise for Barnardos with the children. I am part of a childminding forum where we give and collect ideas. I have attended child protection conferences I am willing to attend any training that will help with the understanding/ development of the children.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

I will support your family as much as i can with routine, play equipment and anything else that will benefit your child. I will asses with you your child's needs and adapt resources and my play room and garden to accommodate this. If you your child has a attachment to certain things and gets distressed when they cannot find them or if some other child has them i will get duplicate items. I will look into specialist equipment that will benefit your child. I have a variety of different material of resources. I will liaise with other professionals that are involved with your child.

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

I will liaise with parents, school and any other professionals involved. With permission we will take a look around and see what happens in the class room. I do preschool runs so we talk about the children going into class and having a teacher and about what they do when they are there. We play schools as our imagination play we sit to a table doing drawing and painting. We look at books with children at school. We talk about when you go to big school with our school clothes, lunch box and bags, how we will have new friends.

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

Every child has a learning journey this is where all observations will be put, and to where it links with what age group in the EYFS. This is a very important part of your child as this will follow your child through to school. We will carry out an assessment within the few weeks of your Childs start date this will give me an idea of their progress and ability. I will liaise with you to where your child is and if i feel they may benefit from extra help. Every observation your child does will be written down and in some cases a picture will be attached there will be next steps to follow this could be something they do at home which you could let me know and i will write it in the learning journey, this could be giving up there dummy, comforter, start toilet training drawing lines. If there is something you would like me to do with your child that you re doing at home then i can do that for you. I have a two way support system i will support parents and parents support me this way your child gets the best that can be given Each child from 2 years will have a 2 year check done on them this will be given to the parents to read, comment and sign. This will be shared with a health visitor at their two year check.