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

My name is Alison Bexton and you can contact me via phone or email, These details are on the Family Information Services on the County Council Website. I have a welcome pack that you may read through to understand more about the services I offer. If you would like to visit my setting and meet me then please call and we can arrange a day and time suitable for you.

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

I like to encourage parents to bring their children to the meeting we set so the children and I can meet as soon as possible and to explore my setting with the confidence of parents being there. I do settling in visits so children can become more confident around me and my setting, I will plan this to the needs of each individual child. If children have comforters that they would like to bring with them, they are more than welcome to do so. I also ask parent to fill out an 'All About Me' form so that I can gain as much knowledge about your child to understand their personalities, likes/dislikes etc to help their settling in visits to be positive and encouraging for them.

How accessible are your premises?

I have a large garden that is flat and easy to get around, in my house the living room, lounge and play area are all easily accessible. I have one toilet that is upstairs and a separate area to change children if needed. I also have a wide variety of toys, books, construction, outdoor play equipment, arts and crafts etc. I do not have ramps for wheelchairs but I do have wide patio doors which are easily accessible.

How will you keep my child safe?

I will follow all my policies, procedures and risk assessments, which you may read through, I review these every year. I will keep records of accidents, medication that I administer or allergies. All over 16 year old's that live at the premises have been DBS checked. Each child's well being, safety and happiness will be my top priority at all times. I will do any specific training that is needed to care for individual needs.

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

I will discuss daily what each child has achieved or enjoyed from the daily activities. I will create a learning journey for each child to record their learning and further develop their learning. I will take photos and write observation to record progression. Children's work will be displayed on the walls for parents to see. I will send message or photos to parents throughout the day. I will also do the two year old progress checks.

How do you work with other professionals?

I work closely with other childminders within my local area, as well as the local school and pre-school.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

I have not had any training for children with SEND, however I do have experience in this area. I have a pediatric first aid qualification.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

I will use the observations that I write to understand your child's interests, areas for improvement and their strengths, to create and plan activities suitable for all children's stage and rate of development. I will rotate toys and equipment to keep children interested and use their imaginations. I will give children the opportunities to play indoor and outdoor. I will use and display equipment in the best way to meet the needs and interests for children and also get them to help with the themes we choose to work on throughout the year.

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

I will share information with the child's teacher and meet with them to discuss the learning and development. I will discuss the

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school routine with children and use the same times for lunch etc throughout the day to help children understand what their new routine will be like. I will have pictures up of the school so they become familiar with it. I will encourage independence by asking children to put coats/ shoes on 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?

I ask parents to inform me of achievements children have done at home by writing it down or discussing it, I will link all observations to the EYFS to monitor each child's progress, this will allow me to identify any areas that children need to do more of. I will have parent meetings if a parent requests this. I will discuss any concerns I or the parents have to adapt each child's learning and progression and advice where to get extra support if we feel this will be best for the child.