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

phone or email the setting to arrange a date and time to visit. setting is open weekdays between 7 and 5.30. childcare need will briefly be discussed over the phone/email and discussed in more detail at the visit.

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

once the decision as been made to use my childcare. I will arrange as many settling in sessions as required. These sessions are to help the child and parents to become familiar with the setting, the children and me. Before the settling in session start, I will ask parents to fill in an individual needs form and an all about me. These two bit of paperwork help me to get to know the child before the settling in session and during is necessary

How accessible are your premises?

The front of the house has steps. however the back is more accessible is required. there is a small step but changes could easily be made if necessary. a ramp and/or handle could easily be added. this also applies to access to the garden. The lounge/play area is open and all the toys are at child level and mainly played with on the floor.

How will you keep my child safe?

I have a behavioral policy which applies to all child in the settling. I have a safeguarding policy and all training is up to date. I also have medication and accident forms if required. This also includes any dietary needs and allergies. The setting is Risk Assessed. outings to the park and school runs etc are also included. The setting is Ofsted inspected, the setting is rated Good.

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

Learning journeys are completed online on a regular basis to communicate the childs learning and development. Whatsapp is used on a daily basis to send photos to the child during the day and used as a daily diary to record child's food/nappies/sleeps/activities etc. and most importantly conversion with parents at pick up and drop off time.

How do you work with other professionals?

I work closely with other childminders and local preschools. i complete 2 year checks which parents take with them to their child's health visitors check.

What training have you/your staff had in SEND?

I have 3 years childminding experience. I have worked in special Education needs school in previous jobs. I can use basic Makaton to communicate with the children. I have first aid training including epi pen and asthma training.

How will you adapt play opportunities for my child?

I would discuss with parents the child's needs interested and favorite toys/games ect. I would also closely observe the child over the first few weeks to get my own overview of the child. i will then use my training and experiences to provide suitable play opportunities for all the children in my setting.

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

I would talk to the child about the new setting. Gain permission of the parents to share any necessary information with the new setting allow parents to show the child.s learning journey. and put together a transition to school/new setting report.

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

an online learning journal is completed for every child in the settling, as this is online parents can see it as its updated and can add their own observations and comments. the learning journals also include EYFS trackers, progress summaries, 2 year checks and transition to school reports.

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