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PEACE OF MIND CHILD CARE

This brochure is designed to give you a little bit of background information and to tell you a bit more about how I work as a child-minder. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask. I am registered with Ofsted and my registration number is EY253786. My last Ofsted report was graded as "Good".

EYFS

I implement the government strategy and follow the Early Year Foundation Stage principles. I do observations, assessments and planning for each individual child.

Our Family

I have eighteen years experience in childcare. My own children - Bryony, Sian and Lorna - are now twenty-two, nineteen, and sixteen. My work experience is listed later on.

My daughter Sian is at university doing a teaching degree in primary education. During the holidays she sometimes does work experience with me, and is insured and CRB checked.

We have an eight-year-old Golden Retriever called Maisie. She is vaccinated yearly, and wormed and de-fleed every three months. She is extremely loving and very friendly towards children.

All the adults in the house have an enhanced police disclosure.
(I.e. have been police checked)

House

Our house is big with five bedrooms on three floors. Due to fire regulations the children I mind will not be allowed on the top floor. We do not have a garden and for this reason I shall be taking the children out daily.

Outings

The house is two minutes walk from Oldway Mansions and not much further to Victoria Park – so there will be every opportunity for outside play.

Paignton beach is ten minutes walk away. I plan to have a daily program of activities involving fresh air (weather permitting) and healthy fun exercise. Our trips will also involve local attractions; I will obtain parental permission prior to these trips. We visit the library for rhythm and rhyme twice weekly and toddler groups in Preston and Sure Start in Paignton. All outings are done on foot or by bus or train. Outings include Paignton zoo, Living Coasts and Teignmouth Water Park.

Snacks

I provide fresh fruit or snack in the morning and afternoon. The fruit is organic and supplied and delivered by Riverford Organics. We have water or milk to drink.

Schools

My own children attend university and Churston Grammar School. I pick up daily from Oldway and we are literally next-door.

Numbers

All childminders are regulated by Ofsted with regard to the number of children we are allowed to have at any one time. I am registered to have six children under eight, of which only three may be under five, and two under one.

Hours

I am open from 7am until 7pm, Monday to Friday. I am closed on Bank Holidays

Fees

I charge £3.60 per hour or part thereof.

Payment is either monthly in advance, or weekly by arrears whichever you prefer.

If your child is off due to sickness or holiday full fee will be charged to retain their place. Hours will be as per your agreed contract.

If you or your partner receives tax credits you may be entitled to help with your childcare costs – their phone number is 0845 300 3900

Holidays

If you are going away on holiday please give at least four weeks notice.

Sickness Policy

I cannot take children who are ill. It is not fair on the child or the other minded children. Please advise ASAP if your child is unable to attend. Retainer fees will be charged.

Medication

If your child needs to take medication regularly, this can be arranged. Please ask for more information.

Provisions

1. Spare clothing is required
2. Wet weather attire i.e. coats, hats, shoes etc
3. Hot weather: sun-hats, sun cream
4. Nappies, baby wipes and creams
5. Snacks are provided i.e. fruit, biscuits, drinks but all meals, packed lunches and bottles must be supplied by you.

Unsocial Hours

Unsocial hours (i.e. weekends, nights and early mornings) may be available on request. Please ring for further details.

Qualifications

I have a folder of the qualifications I have taken which you are welcome to look at – these include NVQ2, Health and Safety, Child Protection, First Aid, Makaton, Fire Safety, PLA Learn through Play and PLA observation and record keeping. I have a Diploma in Home Based childcare.

Insurance etc.

I have Public Liability Insurance and I am a member of the National Childminding Association.

Please feel free to ring if you need any more information or are unsure of anything.

Foreign Students

I often look after children of students from The Devon School of English. The English children really enjoy making friends with children from different countries and cultures and the language barrier has never been a problem, as they communicate through play.

Parents of foreign children need to be aware that English children, by law, go to school full time from the age of four. If your stay is during term time all the children I care for will be less than four years of age. I am happy to look after older foreign students during term time but they won't have the older English children to play with.

Please ring to arrange a visit and see us at play!