

Karen O'Hagan (Childminder)

Accepts childcare vouchers, has a tax-free childcare account. Also offers free 2 Year old childcare places to eligible families. Offers 3 & 4 year old funded places.

Hi my name is Karen, I have been a child carer since leaving college in 1990 after gaining the NNEB qualification (equivalent now is NVQ LEVEL 3). I began in a day nursery as Deputy Matron then went on to be a Nanny for 2 families until 2003 when I began childminding from home. I've kept up to date with training and have completed a Level 3 Diploma in Childcare. I am registered with Ofsted and hold all necessary insurances i.e. business car insurance, public liability insurance.

I live with my husband and 2 grown up children aged 22 and 20 in a 3 bedroom semi-detached house. I have a Border collie who is good with children but is kept separate from where the children are playing, and a Conure (small parrot) called Skittles.

All of the downstairs is used for minding and there is a large back garden with a slide and a good selection of outdoor play equipment e.g. sit-on vehicles, trike, tunnels, seesaw, sandpit, hoops. There is a large range of age appropriate toys etc. baby toys (sterilized regularly) play kitchen, garage and cars, dressing up, various construction toys, dolls, buggies, action men, jigsaws, books for all ages, board games, Lego, large selection of 'Little People' sets, playmobile, puppets, resources for learning colours, shapes, numbers and letters, craft materials to name some. A selection of toy boxes are brought into the living room and rotated regularly. Drawing materials and crafts are available when requested or prompted by me.

I try to attend playgroups when possible and visit many outdoor areas - Locke Park, Zetland Park, Foxrush, Kirkleatham, beach, New Marske woods, Preston Park, Pinchinthorpe etc. I have car child seats for all ages, a pram, umbrella buggy and twin buggy.

I can provide meals and snacks if wanted which in general are healthy and nutritious, drinks are available all day. Meals and snacks are eaten at the dining table.

My aim is to provide a safe, happy, caring environment for children to thrive in.

Children in my care have always been very happy and confident, their development stages met or exceeded, parents have always been happy with my care.

