

Planning Statement

Proposal for Childminding business from home.

My proposal is for the introduction of a childminding business from my home address; 1 Corallina Cottages, Toddington Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 7FU.

I believe that there is a need within the area for further childminding services, especially with the large developments underway within my direct area (Persimmon Homes and Bovis Homes both have sites under construction across the road; Hampton Park). I believe that this business will add great value to my neighbourhood and would be welcomed by many.

I have yet to start my training as planning is the first point on my list from my research.

From my research I have found that Ofsted numbers for childminders are as follows; up to six children up to the age of 8, with a maximum of 3 being under 5 years of age, only one child under 1 is permitted- this ratio includes my own child (I have an 18 month old boy) so as such, during school hours I would have scope for 2 children in addition to my son.

My proposed working hours are Monday-Friday 8am-6pm, however this would be on an 'as required' basis and could see me working less days/slightly different hours, I certainly will not be providing late evening/overnight care.

I will be following the EYFS Framework so the time that I have children within my care will be structured in order to ensure care and development of the children meets those requirements. In order to achieve this, time will be mixed across indoor play/learning, outdoor play and visits away from my home address. My plan includes the purchase of annual passes such as Merlin (sealife centres, etc), National Trust and local farms/play areas so that I have plenty of places to visit with the children. In addition to this I will regularly make visits to local attractions (beach, etc) and playgrounds in order to minimise time spent in my garden and provide more options for outdoor play and learning.