



MELISSA'S CHILDCARE

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

I am fully committed to fostering a close and positive partnership with children's parents and carers. I recognize parents as their child's first and most important educators, and I aim to collaborate with you to support your wishes for your child's care and development whenever possible. To achieve this, maintaining excellent communication between us is essential.

To support this partnership, I will:

- Be available to discuss your child at reasonable times.
- Establish a written Parent/Childminder Contract prior to your child starting, respecting your specific needs, including consistency of care.
- Keep updated records of individual family requests and requirements.
- Include parent comments in your child's documentation upon request.
- Keep you informed about your child's day and provide written updates on daily routines as required by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- Share information with relevant agencies, when necessary, for example, if a child is identified as a Child in Need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989.
- Request that you inform me of any changes in your child's life that may affect their behaviour (please refer to my Confidentiality Policy for details).
- Offer regular review meetings to discuss your child's care, education, and any concerns.
- Record and promptly share significant incidents or accidents with you.
- Notify you in advance of Ofsted inspections, invite your feedback, and provide a copy of the inspection report after the visit.

As your child grows and develops, important issues such as weaning, potty training, behaviour management, and starting (pre)school may arise. It is vital that we discuss these to ensure your wishes are integrated into your child's care routine.

Please note that in cases of gross misconduct, including (but not limited to) verbal or physical aggression, theft, damage to my home, racist comments, or inappropriate language, I reserve the right to terminate the contract immediately without notice.

