

To whom it may concern

I would like to recommend Tracey Cheney who cared for my son from Reception to Year 6. Tracey is an outstanding professional equally endorsed by OFSTED as an outstanding practitioner on different levels of childcare practice. She supports and upholds family values and principles.

She looked after my son for 2 days each week and I am extremely happy with the care J has received, and the great progress he has made whilst in Tracey's care.

Tracey's home is always welcoming, clean and well organised and J has great fun playing with all the toys available and with the other children in her care. She provides a wide, fun range of activities including plenty of outdoor exercise, such as egg hunts during Easter period; Pick your own when certain fruits are in season. I know J has enjoyed sand and water play, drawing and sticking, reading and puzzles as well as outings to the park, walks in the woods.

Tracey always teaches children to give and remember the important dates. She encourages children to make cards for each other and for important occasions such as Mother's Day and birthdays. Tracey never forgets a child's birthday and she goes out of her way by making it special, taking photographs and sharing cake.

Tracey provides an excellent open space-learning environment. She ensured homework was done to the school standard and supported J with reading and signing his books. Beyond all this though, it is Tracey's warm and friendly but no nonsense approach which sets her apart from other childminders we have experienced.

Tracey is a great communicator and has no trouble in gaining children's confidence and therefore encouraging good behaviour and kindness and compassion to others, both skills that are important to us at home.

Tracey provides healthy snacks and delicious food, if J is exceptionally hungry or keen to eat what the older children are eating. J usually will not eat at home after he has been at Tracey's house.

Since Reception J would complain that I picked him up far too early, or be happy to stay overnight. This was good evidence that J was happy with the environment and Tracey as a childminder.

Tracey completes a diary detailing what J has done each day. This helps me to feel involved with his care and that I can talk to him about his day.

Nothing is too much trouble for Tracey. She is happy to administer prescribed medication when required. She also offered to pick up J from school when he was unwell.

Overall, I am thoroughly happy with the level of care J received and I am certain that being in such a positive and happy environment has helped him develop into a confident and self-assured young boy.

Tracey goes beyond her line of duty as a childminder. I cannot recommend Tracey enough.

Mr G (father to J)