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I have worked with staff at Wollaston Busy Bees for the last few years, supporting them to implement strategies for children with SEND. It has always been a pleasure to work jointly with them to support the children to make progress and develop their skills to give them the best chance going into school, whether that be mainstream provision or specialist.

Staff are all very inclusive and strive to find new ways to support the children in their care whatever their needs may be. I feel that they go over and above with the support they offer to families who all so often find themselves up against so many barriers to learning for their children.

Staff take on board the advice I give and are very proactive in putting new strategies in place for the children in their care. They are able to use what they have learnt and adapt this for all children, building and developing on their own skills and professional development.

Typically, early years' settings have very little funding available to put support in place for children with SEND and from my experience many settings struggle to implement support such as providing an additional adult to offer 1:1 support to a child. However, despite being a voluntary managed, pack away setting reliant upon charitable donations, Busy Bees never fails to support the children who walk through their doors.

It is clear to see from testimonials from the parents of the children that have journeyed through the setting how important the care and support they have received for their child has been to them. Busy Bees never turn a child away because they feel that they will be too challenging and are always open to working with a wide variety of professionals to support each and every child in their care.

I am always delighted when I receive a referral to support a child at Busy Bees Wollaston.

Kind Regards,

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