

The manager
Nemo's Nursery and Pre-School
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Re: Esmie Gaskins

Esmie has been in the care of Nemo's Nursery for one year. She came to you when she was 21 month old and is now two years and 9 months.

Esmie had been placed in nursery prior to attending Nemo's but we were so impressed with how quickly she settled in with you. From the start she seemed very happy to attend.

She has thrived over the last twelve months and one of Esmie's favourite games has become 'going to Nemo's'. Sometimes this is Esmie going off to Nemo's but mostly it is me who is the child and Esmie is the Mummy.

Although this play is fun, what is more important is how much it reflects her enjoyment and feeling of safety and security when she has been at Nemo's. She talks about you as members of staff, her friends, activities and toys; particularly the climbing frame, selling ice-creams, the sandpit and of course the pirate ship.

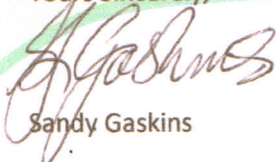
As you may know I worked as a Nursery Nurse for 15 years in my first career, then as a Child Protection Social Worker before becoming a Chartered Counselling Psychologist and Expert Witness. I have also carried out research with the Nation Children's Bureau into Nursery Nurse Training to try to ensure that Nursery staff are aware of the importance of making attachments with the children in their care; especially those attending full time.

Like most parents Jamie and Claire would have preferred to be in a position to provide Esmie's day time care themselves. They didn't want her to have to attend nursery from such a young age. Having said that, knowing Esmie has been happy and receiving such high quality care has made it so much easier for them, and more particularly for Esmie.

As her grandmother, I would like to give you my sincere thanks to you and your staff for enabling Esmie to feel so safe and secure away from her family. Your nursery has become an important and valued dimension of her life and she has felt happy and valued in your care.

I do hope Esmie will be happy in her new nursery. I believe her experience with you will enable her to settle quickly. I also hope you will value the work you do and I wish you much success in the future.

Yours Sincerely,



Sandy Gaskins