

30 January 2012

Mark and I started using Camilla as our child minder for Daniel a year ago as our previous one changed her vocation to full time fostering.

It was a pretty easy choice to make as we understood the commitment and care she showed to minding children and this commitment continues today as she works towards the next qualification level.

Camilla helps us with the pre and post school times on the days' when we are both at work as well as times during the school holiday periods.

Camilla made the transition period relaxed and friendly for Daniel and smooth and straight forward for Mark and me; with all paper work completed and questions answered immediately. We were able to discuss all topics openly including our concerns about Camilla's own children and how they were adjusting to life with Mum at home, but with other children around, to understanding the house rules, which Daniel should follow whilst in her care.

Mark and I are given clear understandings and advance notice of any changes including holidays. These updates take the form of day to day chats when Daniel is collected, regular newsletters and requests for feedback. Camilla is always eager to receive feedback, actively encouraging parent input on how things are going.

Daniel enjoys going to Camilla's when Mark and I are at work and during the warmer months loved being able to play in the garden on the trampoline, swing, playing football and sharing time with the family guinea pigs. He also enjoys spending time and playing with the other children in Camilla's care, as there is a good mix of ages and the opportunity to play with lots of different toys.

Camilla does organises time with the other Network Child minders; sharing best practises and for children to have time to play together for beach days, time in the park and activities at the Hamstal School Family Centre. This also helps the children to become familiar and comfortable with her back up minders, should the need arise.

All in all, Camilla is one of those lucky people who are in the right job and love what they do. Mark and I have no hesitation in recommending her as a child minder.

M Wallin . 31/1/12

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Ms Pat Champion
Ofsted

Dear Ms Champion

Re: Mrs Camilla Moreau

Camilla has been my son's Childminder since May 2010. I have known Camilla for over 14 years, first in a professional capacity and then a personal one. On the birth of my first child, I had no hesitation in asking Camilla to care for him. She made it so easy for me when I returned to work, and still does.

When Dylan first went to Camilla's he was only 8 months old, I was kept up to date with his progress and any new things he'd done that day. This is something she continues to do. I have also turned to Camilla when I have needed advice e.g. when Dylan entered his "terrible two's" she provided me with some really helpful materials regarding temper tantrums which have helped enormously.

When I drop Dylan off, Camilla always lets me know what they're going to be doing that day (she will let me know before if specific clothing is required – i.e. swim shorts for the beach or wellies for a farm visit). The activities she plans are extremely varied, she is a regular visitor to the local children's centres and toddler groups but also plans activities herself. I know she and some fellow childminders whom she sees regularly have put together a "curriculum" of activities and subjects to focus on which they all do together. For Halloween Camilla held a small party for her minded children and those of her fellow childminders where themed party games were held, it was a shame Dylan didn't want to wear his Halloween costume but he was still very pleased with the prize he won, which he took to bed with him for two weeks!

Camilla also takes her minded children to the local parks, farms and the beach. I think it is important for children to play outside in the fresh air and even when there's not enough time to visit anywhere outside, her garden is fully equipped and made use of. Many a time I have been to collect Dylan, only to be dragged by him into her garden to look at whatever he's been playing with that day!

Camilla will often send me picture messages or email photos to me of the time that Dylan spends with her. Also I know that when I'm particularly missing him I can contact her and she will let me know what he's doing – which normally has a picture attached! I love that I get these as I can see in all the pictures that he's enjoying himself.

When Dylan is dropped off in the morning, he can't wait to get out of the car and runs to Camilla's front door. Once he's inside he immediately takes his shoes and coat off before I've even said goodbye. It is extremely comforting to know that Dylan is happy being cared for by Camilla in her home.

I have recently asked Camilla to let me know when she has any further spaces in which she can care for Dylan as I have recently had to increase my working days.

I am extremely happy with Dylan being cared for by Camilla.

Pat Champion
OFSTED Inspector

31st January 2012

Dear Pat

Re: Reference for Camilla Moreau

Our Son Sam who is 19 months, has been in the care of Camilla since the end of October 2011, attending her home twice a week from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Every morning, when we arrive we are always greeted with a huge smile and a good morning from Camilla! Sam usually has already made his way in to join the other children, which is clearly a good sign!

We are impressed with the variety of activities and crafts that Sam gets involved with as well as enjoying a family atmosphere. This is great for his development.

Since October, we have received a newsletter and handouts from Camilla on different topics which I have found to be very useful.

The level of detail in Sam's daily diary is fantastic and we cannot fault it. We leave every day with the diary up to date and a very happy child.

As I'm sure you will agree, Camilla's home is devoted to her work in childminding and it has a great atmosphere with all the children playing and laughing together.

My partner and I are extremely happy with Camilla and we believe that Sam is very happy to go there each week.

Yours truly,



31st January 2012

Pat Champion
Ofsted

Dear Ms Champion,

Re: Camilla Moreau

Camilla has been looking after all three of my children for just over a year now. My youngest two in particular have practically grown up with her in their lives and it gives me great comfort to say they are more than happy being in her care.

Isla went in to Camilla's care more or less from birth and she has a special bond with her. When I took Isla for her 9 month check I pointed out that she wouldn't put her weight on her feet/legs, so she was referred to a clinic for exercises to help her mobility and core strength. Camilla then not only carried on taking her to the appointment's on my behalf as I found it hard to get time away from work but she done the exercises with her daily.

My middle child is a very fussy eater, and on her own accord, with my permission, Camilla asked if she could do an eating program to encourage Roman to try new foods. I thought how thoughtful it was of her to dedicate this time for him.

I did have my concerns about using a childminder rather than a nursery but I'm 100% sure this was the best choice for my children. Camilla is what I call a 'doer' - she doesn't have the tv on, she takes the children out to explore different surroundings, out comes the messy play you name it, they do it. Being a busy full time working mum like myself, you beat yourself up a bit that you're not able to do all these things with them. So it's nice to know they're not missing out.

I would say Camilla is firm but fair with all the children including her own, from what I've seen they all get treated equally.

I've had some lovely things brought home that they've made and the looks on their little faces.

Camilla is 100% dedicated to the children and the whole day is planned around them. I always speak highly of her and strongly recommend her to people who are looking for a childminder.

Yours sincerely,



31/01/2012

RE: Reference for Camilla Moreux

Daisy-Sue has been going to Camilla 3 times a week for the past 7 months. We have been nothing but happy with Camilla's service over this time.

We found Camilla's childminding service on the internet, so the thought of leaving Daisy with a stranger was quite daunting, but we met with her on a couple of occasions before Daisy started and pretty much knew straight away Camilla was the childminder for us.

Camilla is professional but friendly, easy to approach and very adaptable to suit Daisy's needs. Daisy-Sue is always pleased to see Camilla, which makes it a lot easier to leave Daisy in her care. She has a lovely clean home which is child friendly.

Camilla takes the children regularly to childrens centres & toddler/baby groups. I have a Daily Diary which comes home with Daisy every evening, in here I get to read about what daisy has done throughout the day, how daisy was in herself, and what she has eaten. I find this very useful and enjoy reading it.

We are very happy with Camillas service and would highly recommend her.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daisy', is written below the text 'Kind regards'.