

Dear Rosie,

I feel compelled to write and thank all at Chapter One Stirling for nurturing Zosia in her pre-school year. I have four children under the age of 9 and have continued to work either full-time or part-time since the eldest was born. A reluctant working mother made me rather fussy about childcare.

The children have been to private nursery, state nursery, funded pre-school, child minder and had both an A star nanny and an awful nanny. In the most part with the exception of one nanny I have been happy with the childcare provided. Indeed Zosia's previous pre-school was excellent and both Zosia and her brother thrived. It was run by Liz who had been running the pre-school for 20 years and her assessment of Joseph (Zosia's brother) was unparalleled. When Joseph went into Primary One in Scotland it took a long time for his teacher to realize his potential.

Kerrie our fantastic nanny was impossible to beat but I can honestly say that Chapter One provided Zosia with a stimulating and securely challenging environment. I was amazed at how she skipped in the door despite missing Kerrie (now in a prestigious post in Bermuda).

The activities provided were as good if not better than my own trips and I love taking kids on trips!!! The utilization of the hospital environment- a trip to the shop, the forest or further a field enables children to develop a maturity that I have not seen before in pre-school. Zosia has also been to state nursery in Stirling which she enjoyed but Chapter One has been responsible for her development.

When I enrolled Zosia it was because it was the hospital nursery. As a consultant I do occasionally just need to "deal with an urgent problem" having a flexible onsite facility was invaluable. Zosia even at 4 appreciated being near mum. I have subsequently spoken to other parents who tell me they have done loads of research and the Childcare Commission reports are excellent. I feel fortunate to have visited Chapter One and for my gut feeling "this is a diamond nursery" to have been confirmed.

I wish you and your team all the best and hope that many more Stirling children will benefit from care at Chapter One.

It is difficult to go out to work and leave your most precious possessions with others and education is only a small part of child development. I feel Chapter One brings up happy, healthy and confident children.

Thanks Again.

Best Wishes

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