**CHILD/CHILDMINDER RELATIONSHIPS**

***WHEN A CHILD IS PLACED IN THE CARE OF A CHILDMINDER OR ANOTHER PERSON, A STRONG BOND CAN OFTEN DEVELOP.***

***REGARDLESS OF THE BOND BETWEEN CHILDMINDER AND CHILD, THE PARENTS ALWAYS REMAIN THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE CHILDS LIFE.***

***WHEN A CHILD IS PLACED IN MY CARE, THE PARENTS ARE ALWAYS INVOLVED EVEN WHEN THEY ARE NOT PRESENT.***

* **PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE MENTIONED DURING THE CHILDMINDING DAY.**
* **CHILDREN MAKE ARTWORK FOR PARENTS.**
* **CARDS AND GIFTS ARE MADE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.**
* **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED TO TALK ABOUT THINGS THEY HAVE DONE AND PLACES THEY HAVE BEEN WITH PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.**
* **A FILE CONTAINING WORK DONE BY YOUR CHILD AND INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT WILL BE KEPT BY ME AND PARENTS ARE FREE TO LOOK AT THIS AT ANYTIME.**

***IF AT ANY TIME YOU FEEL YOU ARE NOT INVOLVED ENOUGH IN THE CARE I PROVIDE FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN RECTIFY THIS.***

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**Although I'm not their mother
I care for them each day
I cuddle, sing & read to them
And watch them as they play.

I see each new accomplishment
I help them grow and learn
I understand their language
I listen with concern

They come to me for comfort
And I kiss away their tears
They proudly show their work to me
I give the loudest cheers

No I'm not their mother
But the role is just as strong
I nurture them and keep them safe
Though maybe not for long

I know someday the time will come
when we will have to part
But I know each child I cared for
Is forever in my heart.**