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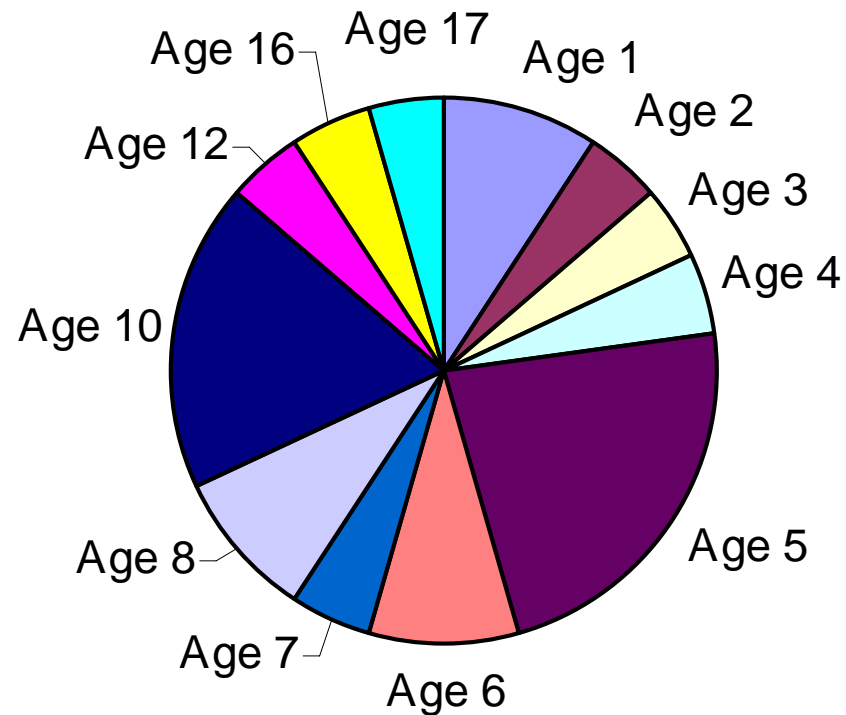
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Specialist Childminding Network

- A network of childminders who have an inclusive ethos, practice, experience and training across East Sussex.
- Processes in place to be able to place families with suitable childminders according to location and needs.
- Liaise with social care, SEN & Disability team and other teams and agencies to work together and meet the needs of the families within East Sussex

Children:



- We have provided a total of 2553.75 hours of care in 2010-2011.

and 33 overnight breaks

Parents

- Welcome the once a month break/getaway
 - to be able to have some time for ourselves together.
- Pleased that my child is safe and happy
- Appreciate the short break
- Child is in a home environment and has formed an attachment

Childminders

- Regular support visits
- Quarterly support sessions
- Signposting to training
- Signposting to other professionals
- Aiming High Bursary
- Inclusion Bursary Fund
- Ability to phone for advice

Opportunities

- Can take advantage of unplanned experiences e.g. snow, rain, sunshine
- Go out and about everyday – local childminding drop ins, parent and toddler groups, parks, library, beach, shopping
- Can use children's interests and ideas to plan the day
- Members of local childminding group

How can parents access a childminder?

- Parents can self refer and pay for the childminding service themselves.
- Parents in receipt of Direct Payments may choose to use a childminder for their short breaks.
- A social worker or other agency may refer a family to use a childminder to provide a short break.

How can services refer families to find a childminder?

- To discuss requirements and find suitable placement to meet child and families needs.

- Contact Early Years Improvement Team:

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