

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

25 October 2023

**The quality and  
standards of early  
years provision**

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands how to keep children safe and protect them from harm. She has a good knowledge of local safeguarding concerns. The childminder explains how she will keep a record of concerns about a child's welfare and refer these to agencies with statutory responsibility without delay. She has knowledge of how to identify and protect children at risk of radicalisation and female genital mutilation.
- The childminder ensures her home and garden are safe and secure. She understands how to risk assess the environment to ensure it is suitable for children's use. The home is clean and well maintained, offering several places for children to relax and engage in play and learning opportunities.
- The childminder explains how she will offer a curriculum that focuses on children's individual needs and interests. She describes how she will use observation and assessment to help her identify and plan for children's learning and development needs. She understands what she would want children to learn and the types of activities she will plan to support their progress. The childminder understands the importance of seeking external support from other professionals for children that need additional support.
- The childminder recognises the importance of physical development in supporting children's health and well-being. She explains how she will make use of local outdoor environments, such as the local park and woodland. She has appropriate resources and equipment that she aims to use to support children's strength and coordination. These include tools for making marks, malleable materials, and ride-on toys and balls to practise throwing and catching.
- The childminder recognises the importance of developing close working relationships with parents and other early years professionals. She discusses how she will share information about children's progress with parents and how she will help them to support their children's development at home.
- The childminder speaks about the importance of helping children to be independent. She intends to take every opportunity to teach children to do tasks for themselves, such as putting their shoes and coats on, feeding themselves and washing their hands. The childminder understands the importance of this to prepare children for starting school.
- The childminder has high expectations regarding children's behaviour. She knows how to manage unwanted behaviour in a positive manner and how to build sharing, turn taking and an understanding of others into daily activities.
- The childminder holds an early years qualification and has experience of caring for children in this age range. She has accessed recent training to keep her knowledge up to date, including paediatric first aid and food hygiene.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

## Setting details

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| <b>Unique reference number</b>                     | 205956                                                                            |
| <b>Local authority</b>                             | Derbyshire                                                                        |
| <b>Inspection number</b>                           | 10305331                                                                          |
| <b>Type of provision</b>                           | Childminder                                                                       |
| <b>Registers</b>                                   | Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register |
| <b>Day care type</b>                               | Childminder                                                                       |
| <b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b> | 8 to 14                                                                           |
| <b>Total number of places</b>                      | 6                                                                                 |
| <b>Number of children on roll</b>                  | 0                                                                                 |
| <b>Date of previous inspection</b>                 | 19 February 2018                                                                  |

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1998 and lives in Boulton Moore, Derbyshire. She operates all year round, from 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 3.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Jan Hughes

### Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises that will be used for childminding and discussed how the childminder intends to ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver her curriculum and support children's learning.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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