

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 December 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has made progress since their last inspection. She has taken appropriate steps to make improvements, resulting in a 'met' judgement.
- The childminder has completed child protection training. She demonstrates a sufficient understanding of the signs that indicate a child may be at risk of abuse. The childminder knows the procedure to report concerns about children's welfare. Additionally, she understands what to do if an allegation is made against her, an assistant, or a household member. The childminder has taken appropriate steps to ensure the premises are secure. Children are unable to leave unsupervised and unauthorised people are unable to gain access.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. She sets clear rules and boundaries and explains how she ensures children are aware of these. The childminder discusses how she plans experiences to encourage children to cooperate, take turns and share with their peers. She describes how she has reflected on her interactions with children and daily routines to ensure children are adequately supervised.
- The childminder understands the importance of teaching children about healthy lifestyles. She discusses how she involves children to gather fruit, vegetables, and eggs from the garden, to help them learn about where their food comes from. The childminder explains how she will promote children's good health and take appropriate steps to prevent the spread of infection. For example, sanitising the nappy changing mat in between uses and cleaning the dinner table to prevent cross-contamination. She understands the importance of children having appropriate clothing for the weather. For instance, children to wear sun hats to keep them safe in the sun.
- Parents comment positively about the care and experiences older children receive. They compliment the childminder on how she shares information about their child's day and achievements. Parents report that their children's development is well supported. For example, the childminder strengthens children's confidence through social experiences and builds on their developing communication skills.
- The childminder explains that she plans a curriculum based on children's interests and current stage of development. She states that she obtains information from parents when children first start and builds on the experiences children have already had. The childminder discusses that she uses observation and assessment to plan for children's individual needs. She states she monitors children's progress to swiftly identify any gaps in their development.
- The childminder explains how she has accessed online training to refresh her knowledge of keeping children safe and to build on her professional development. For instance, she completes online research to support her understanding of providing a well-planned curriculum for children.

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

Unique reference number	207443
Local authority	Derbyshire
Inspection number	10299122
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	21
Date of previous inspection	24 May 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1993 and lives in Eckington, Derbyshire. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. She occasionally works with an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Langley

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector checked the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder explained how she plans her curriculum and how she works in partnership with parents and other professionals.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about how she reflects on her practice and develops her knowledge and skills.

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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