

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The experienced childminder remains enthusiastic and shows a commitment to reviewing and developing her practice. She explains how she updates her knowledge, for example, through completing training and reading current childcare literature. This also supports her in maintaining a clear understanding of the requirements of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'.
- Through discussion and a review of written policies and information, the childminder shows she has a secure understanding of safeguarding. She describes how she would recognise potential concerns about children's welfare and report these to the appropriate professional. Additionally, the childminder maintains a secure knowledge of wider safeguarding issues, such as radicalisation and female genital mutilation.
- The childminder details the procedures that enable her to build a clear understanding of each child. For example, she describes how she assesses children's progress and uses this information to plan further learning opportunities that help to build on their knowledge and skills. The childminder explains how she aims to support children in developing their language and communication skills, for example, through discussing recent events and activities they have enjoyed.
- The childminder demonstrates an effective approach to behaviour management. She details how she supports children in understanding their feelings and the effect their actions have on others, for example, through discussions and reading relevant books. The childminder describes how she aims to be a good role model and support children to develop positive attitudes and to recognise and respect differences.
- Through discussion and a tour of the areas used for childminding, the childminder illustrates how she plans to keep her home safe, for example, through ongoing safety checks. She has maintained a variety of toys and equipment and explains how she will continue to check these to ensure that they are appropriate for children to use.
- The childminder explains the role she can play in promoting children's health. She details how she intends to continue offering children healthy snacks and meals and how she will talk with children about the relevance of healthy lifestyle practices.
- The childminder shows the policies and procedures she has in place and explains how she uses knowledge gained from training and research to aid her in updating these. She has maintained the paperwork she needs to aid her in keeping the required records, such as attendance registers. The childminder details how she intends to continue her practice of working closely with parents and other childcare professionals, to help ensure consistency for children and promote their development.

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	219632
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10312261
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	7 to 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	25 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1987 and lives in Bedford. She operates all year round from 7am until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Eyre

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 this provider.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about how she plans to assess children's progress and promote their learning.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home and garden that will be used for childminding. She viewed a selection of toys, resources and equipment.
- The inspector viewed relevant documentation, including the safeguarding procedures.

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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