

Childminder report

Inspection date:

30 August 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a great deal of experience in caring for children under five years. She understands the requirements of the early years foundation stage and knows how to plan interesting, appropriate activities to help children to develop new skills. The childminder has a good range of toys and a wonderful outdoor area. She is passionate about gardening, and intends to include growing fruit, vegetables and flowers as part of children's learning.
- The childminder recognises the importance of supporting children to develop their communication and language. She knows how she will help children to broaden their vocabulary by regularly including books, nursery rhymes and singing as part of her curriculum. The childminder will take the children on library visits, read books daily and encourage parents to take books home.
- The childminder intends to extend children's learning experiences by taking them out in the local environment. She will utilise the nearby botanical gardens and country parks, where children can explore nature and investigate new surroundings.
- The childminder plans to provide children with freshly prepared, nutritious meals; to support them to lead healthy lifestyles. In addition, she will encourage them to play outdoors in the garden to benefit from fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder has a nurturing approach, and she cares about children's emotional well-being. She understands that young children need help to manage their behaviours. The childminder plans to make use of stories and conversations to encourage them to think about their feelings. She describes how she wants children to feel safe and secure in her care.
- The childminder understands her responsibility to keep children safe. She has a sound knowledge of safeguarding, including issues such as radicalisation and extremism, and internet safety. The childminder recognises signs and symptoms which could indicate that a child is in danger. She intends to talk to children, at an appropriate level, about keeping themselves safe, and to share information with parents to raise their awareness of child protection. The childminder holds an up-to-date paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The childminder's house and garden are clean and safe. She intends to complete regular checks to ensure that the spaces remain suitable for children.
- The childminder values partnership working. She plans to work closely with parents, staff at local schools and childminders at support groups; to share good practice and to aid children in their transitions.

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	227565
Local authority	Birmingham
Inspection number	10115953
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	6 to 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	8 October 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1980 and lives in Birmingham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Denise Daley

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and took that into account in the evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector and childminder toured the premises, to assess the quality of the space and resources available for children.
- The inspector checked documentation; to determine the suitability of the childminder.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder; to evaluate her understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage.

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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