

Childminder report

Inspection date:

6 May 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands her responsibility to protect children from harm. She knows the signs and symptoms that may indicate that a child is at risk of harm. The childminder knows how to report any concerns about children's welfare. She completes safeguarding training to ensure she has knowledge of safeguarding procedures and how to protect children. This helps to keep children safe.
- The childminder's home is welcoming, clean, and well organised and is an appropriate space for childminding. She also ensures her paediatric first-aid qualification is maintained and her public liability insurance is renewed annually.
- The childminder recognises the importance of encouraging positive behaviour in her home. She demonstrates a secure understanding of how to promote positive attachments with children and help them to learn how to manage their feelings and behaviour.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates the importance of understanding children's individual needs. She recognises the importance of working closely with parents and the schools that children attend. This supports consistency of care.
- Through discussion, the childminder explains how she encourages children to be confident and independent. For example, by learning essential skills, such as putting their own coats on and washing their hands.
- The childminder has a good selection of toys and resources available. She has additional resources in her garage that she alternates in accordance with the interests of the children she cares for.
- The childminder shows that she has effective arrangements in place for ensuring that children remain healthy and active. She explains how she encourages children to eat foods that are good for them and provides fresh drinking water. Children have access to the childminder's garden at all times. They benefit from trips to the local park.

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	251213
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10219425
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 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Date of previous inspection	26 August 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1991 and lives in Barham, near Ipswich. She provides care for children before and after school, and in the school holidays except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Shelly McDougall

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 setting.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements, and the systems she has in place to help keep children safe.
- The inspector discussed the childminder's methods for evaluating her setting.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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