

Childminder report

Inspection date:

26 March 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has an extensive range of equipment and resources for children to engage with and make choices when they arrive at her setting. The childminder knows children very well and provides them with experiences that she knows they will enjoy and support their current interests. She also plans activities to support current events. For example, children enjoy creating pictures for Mother's Day. Children challenge themselves to complete complex puzzles. They love to put on their favourite music and teach each other new dance moves and routines.
- The childminder understands how to support children's physical health and well-being. She provides daily opportunities for children to enjoy fresh air and exercise. For example, children can access the enclosed garden and use the climbing equipment, and resources to support their physical skills and exercise. In addition, children walk to school and back and use the local play areas with the childminder.
- The childminder encourages and supports children to choose their own activities and tidy resources away. They confidently get ready to walk to school, putting on coats, scarves and hats. The childminder sensitively nurtures their independence on their journey to school, giving them space to walk with their friends. As a result, children demonstrate good levels of independence.
- The childminder promotes children's positive behaviour. She praises children for being kind to their friends and siblings and for helping each other. For example, as one child struggles to find a piece for their puzzle, the childminder suggests to another child that maybe they could help. The childminder gently prompts children to share and to take turns when playing together. Children's behaviour is good.
- The childminder accesses a wide range of online training to ensure that her knowledge and understanding remains current. She meets with other childminders regularly. This helps her continually reflect on her childminding role and her provision for children.
- The childminder places high importance on keeping children safe in her care. She ensures that the premises are safe and secure. The childminder carries out daily visual checks to ensure her high standards are always in place. Furthermore, she makes sure that her understanding of safeguarding is up to date. For example, she accesses training regularly and accesses information provided by the local authority to ensure her knowledge is current.
- The childminder works closely with parents, other settings and professionals to help promote continuity of care for children. Parents are complimentary of her provision and appreciate the feedback they receive about their child's day. The childminder maintains a long-established, positive relationship with the local nursery and school. Furthermore, she seeks support from the local authority. This helps her maintain strong partnerships and consistently meet the needs of the 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	255597
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	10380476
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	11 June 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1993. She lives in Stourbridge. The childminder operates during term time only from 7am until 9am and from 3pm until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Juliette Freeman

Inspection activities

- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector observed the interactions between the childminder and the children.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision.

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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