

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands how to identify the signs and symptoms of abuse. This includes if children or parents are being drawn into radicalisation. She knows where to report any concerns she has regarding children's safety or if an allegation of abuse is made against herself.
- The childminder carries out safety checks in her home to help identify and remove any potential hazards. She intends to ask for passwords from parents and will use these if other people arrive to collect children. The childminder will ensure that doors in her home are locked to stop unauthorised people entering the premises.
- Through discussion, the childminder explains how she intends to promote positive behaviour. For example, she will give children praise for their achievements and recognises that this will help children to feel good about themselves.
- The childminder intends to provide children with healthy snacks to help promote a nutritious diet. She explains how she will take children to her allotment to help them to learn how to grow fruit and vegetables and to taste the produce when it is ready.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents to promote children's learning. She intends to share information with parents about activities children do daily and will talk to parents about how they can continue their children's learning at home.
- The childminder intends to use what she knows about children's development and their interests to plan for their development. She will complete a written summary showing children's progress when they are between the ages of two and three years old and intends to share this with parents.
- The childminder understands how to support children's communication and language skills. For example, she will sing songs with children and ask older children questions.
- The childminder extends her professional development. This includes extending her knowledge of how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She attends training courses that help her to identify how to treat children in the event of a minor medical incident.
- The childminder explains how she will encourage children to complete tasks by themselves. This will include supporting children to put on their coats, wash their hands and to use the toilet independently.
- When children first start attending, the childminder intends to find out information from parents about children's past experiences. She will use this to plan and provide further opportunities to build on their knowledge and skills.
- The childminder explains how she will promote consistency for children if they also attend another early years setting. For example, with permission from parents, she will share information with staff about children's learning and 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	2654424
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	10319737
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 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2021 and lives in Witham St Hughs, Lincolnshire. She operates during term time from Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. Sessions are from 7.15am until 9am and from 3.25pm until 6pm. The childminder holds an appropriate level 3 qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Hayley Ruane

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider has received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector and childminder had a tour of the areas of the premises used by children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the curriculum for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she uses when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took account of evidence of suitability for persons living in the household.

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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