

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 January 2025

**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 has a range of policies in place to support her daily practice. She states that she shares her policies with parents to ensure they are fully informed about her provision. The childminder ensures that she maintains her professional development and keeps mandatory first-aid and safeguarding training up to date. She understands the importance of keeping her premises safe and minimising any hazards. The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge of the procedures to follow if she has concerns about a child in her care. This helps her to ensure that she can keep children safe from the risk of harm.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of child development and knows what she wants children to learn. She talks about how she plans activities that link to children's special interests, with plenty of fun and excitement to keep them engaged. The childminder demonstrates how she obtains important information from parents about children to build on what they already know.
- The childminder understands the benefits of working in partnership with parents to provide children with a consistent approach to their learning. She values strong relationships with parents and understands the importance of regular communication regarding children's progress and daily activities. The childminder knows how to observe and assess children's development and can identify what they need to learn next. She has good knowledge of special educational needs and/or disabilities and can demonstrate how she guides parents to the appropriate professionals for support.
- The childminder has knowledge of how to promote children's health and well-being. She explains how she plans regular activities to develop children's physical skills, and provides opportunities for fresh air and exercise. The childminder has arrangements in place to provide healthy and nutritious meals, and talks about how she encourages children to cut their own fruit and vegetables to enhance their fine motor skills. The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children's independence to help to prepare them well for school.
- The childminder knows how to extend children's understanding of the wider world. She discusses how she teaches them, through visits and outings around the local community, to understand different cultures, celebrations, and life in modern Britain. The childminder has connections with other childminders, local schools and health professionals, and she regularly receives updates from the local authority. She utilises these links to help her to stay informed about training and changes to legislation, and also to share and exchange information and ideas to enhance her practice.

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	2681137
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	10365680
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	1 to 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2022 and lives in Dudley, West Midlands. She operates term time only, from 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder provides funded early education for children from nine months to four years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Maryanne Hepburn-Bean

Inspection activities

- The childminder and the inspector completed a learning walk together to discuss the childminder's intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises and viewed all areas that are used when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she plans to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she ensures her premises are safe and suitable.
- The inspector took account of parents' views during the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's suitability and discussed with the childminder her arrangements for self-evaluation and improvements.
- 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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