

Childminder report

Inspection date:

30 September 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 her safeguarding responsibilities. She understands local safeguarding concerns, such as county lines, and knows the signs and symptoms of abuse. The childminder understands how to identify children who may be at risk from radical views. She has a robust safeguarding policy and knows how to seek further help and guidance should she have concerns about a child or another adult.
- The childminder recognises the importance of teaching children how to manage risks in their environment. She ensures that all equipment in her home is safe for children to use. The childminder teaches older children about road safety and how to keep themselves safe as they walk home from school. She helps children understand how to stay safe online. The childminder intends to teach younger children how to use play equipment as they visit local parks.
- The childminder understands how to promote continuity of care and learning. She establishes close relationships with parents and other settings children attend and shares relevant information with them. Parents praise the high levels of communication that the childminder provides. The childminder intends to share information with parents of younger children electronically and ensure that they have frequent updates about their children's learning and development.
- The childminder attends regular training courses to keep her professional knowledge up to date. She reflects on gaps in her knowledge and skills and attends courses to close these gaps and further support the children who attend. The childminder has recently completed a course to support children with anxiety.
- The childminder wants all children to become confident communicators, who are independent when they start school. She understands how to provide a range of activities to meet children's individual needs. The childminder has a robust knowledge of child development and knows how to seek further support if she identifies that a child has any gaps in their learning.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. Older children demonstrate excellent behaviour. They follow the childminder's rules and listen carefully to her instructions. The childminder praises children when they display positive behaviour. The childminder explains how to support younger children as they learn to manage their behaviour. She intends to role model being kind to others and how to share resources that they play with.
- The childminder helps children to develop healthy lifestyles. She provides a healthy, balanced diet and encourages children to participate in physical exercise. The childminder provides frequent opportunities for children to play sports in local parks. The childminder intends to teach younger children which foods are healthy and encourage them to try a wide variety of different fruits and vegetables.

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	2756721
Local authority	Leicestershire
Inspection number	10349419
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 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	14
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2023 and lives in Loughborough, Leicestershire. She operates term time only, providing before- and after-school care on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sessions are from 7.20am until 9am and 3.20 until 5.20pm. The childminder holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rachel Barsby-Robinson

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 children.
- Parents shared their views of the childminder with the inspector.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.

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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