

Childminder report

Inspection date:

25 January 2024

**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 high expectations of what children can achieve. She completes regular observations and assessments to monitor children's progress and identify what they need to learn next. The childminder discusses how she builds a curriculum based on children's individual learning needs and interests. She shares information with parents and suggests ways that they can support their child's learning at home.
- The childminder values the importance of working in partnership with other professionals involved in a child's care. She regularly meets with the local pre-school and school children attend, to discuss teaching strategies and different topics children will learn. The childminder uses this information to plan activities and learning experiences that complement children's learning in school.
- The childminder understands the need to teach children how to be kind, caring and respectful towards others. She discusses the importance of being a positive role model for children. The childminder explains how she consistently implements clear boundaries and expectations, so that children understand what is expected of them. The childminder talks about how this helps to prepare children for their future.
- The childminder gives high priority to promoting children's health. She teaches children about where food comes from and includes them in preparing healthy meals and snacks. She talks to children about the importance of being physically active and having a healthy diet. The childminder supports children to become independent in managing their personal needs over time, such as washing their hands before mealtimes and dressing for outdoor play.
- The childminder completes daily checks to help identify any hazards and risks in her home. She discusses how these checks help to ensure the premises are safe and suitable for children to access. The childminder explains how she completes risk assessments before taking children on outings to ensure their personal safety. She teaches children about road safety and how to keep themselves safe near open water.
- The childminder undertakes regular training to keep her safeguarding knowledge up to date. She has a clear understanding of how to identify and respond to concerns about a child's welfare. This includes how to respond in the event an allegation is made against her or a household member.
- The childminder is reflective. She evaluates the quality of her service using feedback from parents, children and external professionals to identify areas to improve. The childminder completes her own research online and undertakes training for her continued professional 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	302742
Local authority	Barnsley
Inspection number	10305548
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	5 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	26 February 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1993 and lives in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. She operates Monday to Friday, all year round, except for one week between Christmas and New Year, family holidays and bank holidays. Sessions are between 8am and 5.30pm. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 3. She provides free funded early education places for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jennifer Dove

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the setting and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises with the childminder.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about her curriculum plans and intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements when caring for children.
- 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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