

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 June 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder is very experienced. She understands the importance of offering a challenging curriculum for children to support their all-round progress. She intends to take children on trips and outings in the local community to enrich their learning experiences.
- The childminder has systems in place to observe and assess children's progress. She plans to offer a broad and varied curriculum, tailored to children's individual interests and needs.
- A wide range of age-appropriate toys and play equipment is available in the childminder's home. Her playroom is well stocked with an impressive range of toys to keep children occupied and engaged in their play and learning.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents and aims to communicate with parents continually. She understands the benefits of working closely with parents and strives to offer complementary routines to those delivered at home.
- Working closely with other professionals helps the childminder to reflect and continually improve. For instance, the childminder has a number of childminder friends who she discusses ideas and good practice tips with.
- The childminder knows how to protect children from harm. She has recently completed safeguarding refresher training to ensure her knowledge relating to child protection is up to date. She understands how to identify and respond to potential signs of abuse, if these arise.
- The childminder attends plenty of training. This helps to extend her already strong skills and knowledge even more.
- The childminder demonstrates a vigilant attitude towards children's safety. She explains how she will risk assess her home to help to protect children from potential harm.
- The childminder plans to reward children's good behaviour and offer continual praise to help to build their self-esteem and sense of self-worth.
- All children are welcome in this inclusive setting. The childminder explains how she intends to amend her practice to meet all children's unique needs.

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	304014
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	10264582
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 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	20 June 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1988 and lives in Macclesfield. She operates all year round from 8am to 5.30pm, Tuesday to Thursday, except for family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Michelle Jacques

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation.
- The inspector and childminder completed a learning walk. They discussed how the childminder intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she will use when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed safeguarding with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks.

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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