

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 April 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a well-equipped play space with a range of resources to support children's interests. This includes craft activities as well as imaginative play resources.
- The childminder discusses how she manages children's behaviour. She explains how she talks to children and helps them to find solutions to problems. She explains how she helps children to find alternative ways of dealing with situations that arise. She gives examples of how she asks children if they could have done anything differently to avoid things happening.
- The childminder explains how she supports children's communication skills. When children are playing, she listens and allows them to develop their conversations. She talks about how she joins in at appropriate times to extend or clarify things or to provide advice and guidance. She explains how she talks to children about their day in school.
- The childminder explains how she talks to children and parents to find out about children's interests. She observes what children are doing and provides additional resources to support this. She explains how she also encourages children to bring favourite things from home to provide a greater variety of resources.
- The childminder discusses how she keeps children safe. Her doors are locked, and children are supervised carefully when they play outside. She explains how she talks to them about how they can keep themselves safe, for example, from strangers who may use the park at the same time as them.
- The childminder explains how she supports children's good health. Children have plenty of opportunities for fresh air and exercise. She explains that she provides fruit and water and healthy breakfasts. She discusses how she reminds children about good hygiene practices.
- The childminder explains how she keeps her knowledge and skills up to date. She attends all mandatory training and researches things in her own time to strengthen her understanding further. She talks about how she communicates with other childminders and the local authority to ensure she is kept updated of any local and national changes.
- The childminder discusses how she works with the local school. She talks about how she finds out information about children's day. She explains how they work together extremely closely to support children's well-being. She provides opportunities for children to complete their homework as appropriate.
- The childminder gives examples of how she works with parents. She talks to them about what children have been doing and they share a range of information with her. The childminder explains how she has a good relationship with parents, and they communicate regularly.
- The childminder explains how she gives information to children and parents about keeping children safe online. She discusses how she supervises what children are doing on electronic devices and ensures all devices have parental controls. She shares information with parents too.

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	311636
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10388803
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	9
Date of previous inspection	30 July 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1989 and lives in Sunnyside, Gateshead. She operates all year round from 8am to 8.40am and 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. She is open from 8am to 5pm during school holidays. The childminder holds a childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Elizabeth Fish

Inspection activities

- The childminder showed the inspector around her home and explained how she resources her play space.
- The inspector viewed a range of documents, including those relating to the suitability of all household members.
- The childminder explained how she keeps children safe and supports their overall emotional well-being.

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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