

Childminder report

Inspection date:

22 April 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Children's safety is a priority for the childminder. She knows about the signs that may indicate that a child is at risk of harm at home and in the wider community. The childminder has clear procedures to follow if she is concerned about a child's welfare. She understands how to report any allegations against herself or people in her household. The childminder plans to carry out regular checks of her home and to remain vigilant for any hazards to ensure children's safety while in her care.
- The childminder describes how to deliver an effective early years curriculum. She discusses the importance of observing children to identify their interests and what they need to learn next. She explains how she will plan activities that appeal to children and motivate them to learn.
- Parents' and children's feedback is important to the childminder. She talks about how she will use their ideas and suggestions to build on her practice. For example, she plans to review her resources on an ongoing basis to ensure that they match children's interests. Alongside this, the childminder has plans to refresh some of her knowledge through, for example, relevant training courses and research.
- The childminder talks about the importance of providing children with clear expectations and consistent boundaries to support their good behaviour. She says that she would take a calm and positive approach if a child's behaviour was challenging. She discusses the importance of understanding the reasons why children behave in a particular way so that she can provide appropriate support.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates her inclusive approach. She acknowledges that all children have different abilities, life experiences and personalities. She intends to treat all children as individuals and to tailor her practice to meet their needs.
- The childminder discusses the benefits of maintaining good partnerships with parents and other professionals. She explains how she would share information with them about children's care and learning. She talks about providing a consistent and shared approach to help all children to make the best progress that they can.
- Promoting children's good health is important to the childminder. She discusses the importance of teaching them how to keep themselves safe and healthy. She plans to give children plenty of opportunities for fresh air and exercise, such as visits to a local park. The childminder says that she will promote healthy attitudes to good nutrition through providing a balanced diet for children.

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	313980
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10335403
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	6 to 10
Total number of places	0
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	14 June 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1994 and lives in Consett, County Durham. She operates from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, school term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Clare Wilkins

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 of the setting.
- The childminder showed the inspector around the areas of her home to be used for childcare. She discussed the activities that she intends to provide and her considerations for keeping children safe.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her understanding of how to deliver an effective early years curriculum.
- Although there were no children in the early years age group 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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