

Childminder report

Inspection date:

16 December 2019

**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 a good knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the early years foundation stage. She implements a broad range of policies and procedures to support her practice. Stringent daily checks of the environment help to minimise any potential risks and promote children's safety.
- The childminder aims to create a calm and relaxing environment for children. She intends to 'ensure that children have fun and engage in a good range of play experiences that complement their learning from home and school'.
- The well-trained childminder understands her responsibility to safeguard children. She has a good knowledge of the indicators of abuse and is confident in her knowledge of the procedures to follow to protect children's welfare.
- The childminder intends to engage children in the planning of activities and adapt her plans in support of their spontaneous ideas. She is confident to work together closely with teachers from school to provide play experiences that link in with the themes that children are engaging in at school.
- The childminder completes a wide range of relevant training to extend her good knowledge and skills. She holds a paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The childminder recognises the importance of forming strong partnerships with parents from the outset. She gathers in-depth information from parents when children first start and aims to keep them informed of the wide range of play experiences that children engage in during their time with her.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. She recognises the importance of teaching children to be kind, caring and considerate to others.
- The childminder values the importance of offering opportunities for children to complete small tasks, to help to promote their independence. She discussed how she is in support of encouraging children to take controlled risks, such as when climbing small trees or toasting marshmallows on a camp fire, to promote their understanding of how to manage risks and keep themselves safe.
- The childminder is aware of how to help children to lead healthy lifestyles, such as through playing various sports outdoors in the fresh air.
- The childminder recognises the positive impact that her supportive settling-in sessions have on helping her to form a secure emotional bond with each child.

There were no children 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 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	315731
Local authority	Bolton
Inspection number	10061621
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	5 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	17
Date of previous inspection	1 October 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2004 and lives in the Smithills area of Bolton. She works together with a co-childminder each day. The childminder operates Monday to Friday, from 7am to 9am and from 3.20pm to 7pm, during term time. She holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charlotte Bowe

Inspection activities

- The childminder accompanied the inspector on a tour to explain how she organises her home and to share information about the range of play experiences that she provides for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder to establish her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector viewed a range of documents, including evidence of suitability, a record of the childminder's qualifications and training, policies and procedures and health and safety records.
- The childminder explained her process for self-evaluation and shared her identified areas for further development.

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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