

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 October 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 has a suitable knowledge and understanding of the signs and symptoms to look out for that might indicate that a child is at risk of abuse. She understands the procedures to follow to report her concerns to protect children from harm.
- The childminder intends to provide a curriculum that fosters children's interests and builds on what they know and can do. She plans to address any gaps in children's learning and help them catch up. The childminder understands the importance of helping children to develop good communication and language skills. She has strategies in place to swiftly assess children's abilities in this area of learning.
- The childminder discusses how she will use suitable strategies to manage children's behaviour. She knows how to help children to develop respect for each other, form strong relationships and learn to share. The childminder understands how to help children to develop their confidence and independence in preparation for their eventual move on to school.
- The childminder understands her responsibility to keep children safe. She makes sure her environment is secure, and risk assessed effectively. The childminder has resources, toys and equipment that she understands how to use to help promote children's care and learning.
- The childminder knows how to support children's health. She describes how she will provide children with healthy snack and drinks, and regular opportunities for physical play. The childminder understands the importance of focusing on children's oral health and intends to promote the benefits of good dental hygiene.
- The childminder demonstrates how she undertakes effective risk assessments to identify hazards around the premises, helping to keep children safe. She has a current paediatric first-aid certificate, and valid public liability insurance to help ensure children's safety and to meet regulatory requirements.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and other professionals. She explains how this will provide a consistent approach and support children's care and learning.

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	506942
Local authority	Northumberland
Inspection number	10308096
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 7
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	23 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1993 and lives in Prudhoe, Northumberland. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a qualification at level 3. She provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Janet Fairhurst

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 areas of the premises that are used for childminding and the resources that the childminder provides.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children in her care.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including the childminder's insurance, and current paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will safeguard children.

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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