

Childminder report

Inspection date:

4 December 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a secure knowledge and understanding of child development. She discusses planning a wide range of activities to support children's learning and the importance of closely monitoring their ongoing progress. She understands the importance of the two-year progress check in identifying any concerns and of sharing this information with parents.
- The childminder discusses how she builds a curriculum based on what children already know and what they need to do next. She works closely with parents to find out children's individual starting points. She describes how she provides the children with meaningful and enjoyable activities linked to their interests. The childminder understands the importance of observing and asking children open-ended questions to develop and check their understanding.
- The childminder recognises the importance of teaching children about healthy lifestyles. She describes the benefit of taking children outside daily. The childminder discusses how she ensures that children benefit from fresh air, and plans visits to local places of interest. She describes how this supports children's social development, physical well-being and deepens children's understanding of how to care for their own mental health.
- The childminder has high expectations. She explains how she will support children to manage their own behaviour, describing how she will help them to have good manners, build positive relationships and value each others' differences. She explains how she ensures that children are given opportunities to assess the risk during their own play and develop an understanding of fire safety.
- The childminder discusses how she finds out about children's individual needs and spends time helping children settle and feel comfortable when they first attend. She is committed to ensuring that every child feels welcome and has a sense of belonging in her home. She has good links with the local school, which support children's transitions.
- The childminder demonstrates that she creates an inclusive environment. She understands how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The childminder discusses how she would make sure every child could access her provision, and that everyone is valued, including all children. She explains confidently how she would plan activities, inform children about festivals and read stories to help children understand about differences between themselves and others.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents. She describes how she will share information and updates with parents to provide children with a consistent approach across her setting and their homes.
- The childminder ensures that she is up to date on mandatory training, such as paediatric first aid and safeguarding. She is accessing courses to further her own professional skills and knowledge in order to create a setting that consistently supports child development. She understands the procedures she must follow to

report any concerns about children and is aware of signs that might indicate a child is at risk of harm.

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	EY225160
Local authority	Warrington
Inspection number	10364030
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	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	22 January 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2002 and lives in Great Sankey, Warrington. She operates from 8am to 5.15pm Monday to Wednesday, and from 8am to 9.15am Thursday and Friday, term time only. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sandra Hamilton

Inspection activities

- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector held a number of conversations with the childminder about the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- Parents shared their views about the setting with the inspector.
- The inspector considered how the childminder plans to work in partnership with parents and other professionals.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about her intentions for children's learning.

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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