

Childminder report

Inspection date:

18 June 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 understands how young children develop and learn. She demonstrates an understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage. The childminder explains how she adapts her provision for children at different ages and stages of development.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of developing strong relationships, and working closely, with parents. When children start, she gathers important information from parents about children's routines, interests and what they already know and can do. The childminder discusses how this is used to meet children's individual needs, and how it is used to plan effectively for progress in learning. She explains how this information from parents helps her to provide activities that meet the needs of individual children. The childminder speaks about assessing children's progress and how this informs what they need to do next. She explains how she shares this information with parents.
- The childminder demonstrates that she understands her responsibility to keep children safe. She has completed required training and ensures that this is kept up to date. The childminder is alert to possible signs that may indicate a child is at risk of harm. She has policies and procedures in place and knows how to report concerns. This includes who to contact locally if she is concerned about a child's safety.
- The childminder is vigilant and risk aware. She explains how she will help children learn to keep themselves safe, such as holding hands when crossing the road. The childminder has identified potential hazards and put measures in place to mitigate risks to children. That said, she is aware that risks cannot be completely eliminated. Therefore, children will learn to take appropriate risks, such as climbing, and become aware of possible consequences as they learn to manage these risks as they play. The childminder's home offers a clean, secure and welcoming environment, where children can play safely.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to meet children's individual care needs, such as toileting. She discusses how children learn about the importance of making healthy choices and practising good hygiene. The childminder explains how she will offer children healthy snacks and fresh drinking water.
- The childminder has clear and consistent expectations for children's behaviour. She is aware that children's behaviour is related to their stage of development. The childminder explains how children are supported to take turns and use 'kind hands'. She speaks about the use of positive praise and distraction to support children as they learn to manage their own behaviour.
- Although she demonstrates an awareness and understanding of how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), the childminder has identified that she wants to deepen her professional knowledge of supporting children with SEND to further improve outcomes 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	EY248638
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	10345030
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	3 August 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2002 and lives in Bilston. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Sarah Dukes

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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision and the intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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