

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 August 2025

**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 clear and well-informed understanding of her early years provision. She has a secure knowledge of safeguarding and describes how she would maintain a safe and secure environment for children. She demonstrates her commitment to professional development by undertaking a wide range of training courses. These have included those focused on safeguarding, emotional well-being and supporting early language development. She is in the process of updating her policies and procedures to align with upcoming changes to the early years foundation stage. The childminder intends to seek further support from her local authority advisor regarding funded provision.
- The childminder outlined her curriculum and ethos as a child-led approach with a strong focus on learning through play. She described how she will organise her home and garden, using the rooms downstairs in her home and the large rear garden. She intends to provide children with a wide variety of resources, both indoors and outdoors. For example, water play, sensory activities and art materials will be available at all times.
- The childminder gave an overview of how she will use development guidance to help her make decisions about children's progress. This information, combined with her own extensive experience, will help her plan for children's next steps. She described how she will add interest to her provision to support the individual interests of children.
- Children's understanding of the diverse world will be supported through a range of activities. The childminder intends to take children on regular outings to local libraries for story time and to choose books. There are local parks and fields for outdoor activities. She will also use public transport, such as buses, to broaden children's experiences within the wider community.
- The childminder described how she will ensure a strong and effective partnership with parents. She will talk with parents daily in person and use messaging to keep in touch through the day. Daily diaries will provide more detail for parents of very young children and babies.
- The childminder explains how she would support children with their behaviour, for example by providing consistent boundaries and being clear about expectations. She outlines how she will help children to learn to recognise their emotions and those of their friends.
- The childminder understands how to support children's social and emotional security. She describes how she will support children to become increasingly independent, reflecting on the age and development stage of each child. She outlines how she will support children to make choices about what they want to do within the simple daily routine. She will make the most of any opportunity to encourage children to do things for themselves, for example putting on coats and fastening shoes.

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	EY264240
Local authority	Sandwell
Inspection number	10398627
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	0
Date of previous inspection	4 November 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Tipton, in the West Midlands. She operates all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. Sessions are from 7am to 6pm Monday to Thursday, and from 7am to 4.30pm on Friday. The childminder holds a recognised early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Juliette Freeman

Inspection activities

- 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 intends to support children's learning and development.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder and inspector held discussions regarding safeguarding 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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