

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 July 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 describes how she will observe children and assess their development to plan their next steps in learning. She discusses how she will support children of different age groups and help them to make progress across all areas of learning. The childminder describes how she will plan a curriculum that motivates and interests children.
- The childminder explains she will provide a focus on children learning outdoors. She describes how she will provide open-ended and natural resources to encourage children's curiosity and exploration skills. The childminder explains that she will support children with what they need to learn next through child-led play.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers. She explains she will collect lots of information from parents and offer flexible settling-in arrangements to help children to settle from the start. The childminder describes how she will share information about children's progress with their parents on an ongoing basis. She explains how she will provide parents with ideas and activities to support children's learning at home.
- The childminder demonstrates an understanding of the importance of teaching children about good hygiene and following a healthy diet. She describes how she will make mealtimes a sociable experience. The childminder discusses how she will encourage children to develop their independence skills, such as by being involved in preparing snacks and setting the table. She has kept her knowledge up to date, such as around supervising children closely when they eat and supporting children's oral health.
- The childminder explains she will provide regular opportunities for children to be physical in the fresh air. She will offer children activities to explore and investigate outdoors each day. The childminder describes how she will take children on a variety of outings in the local environment to help them to develop an awareness of the world around them. She explains that she will also meet with other childminders and children to develop children's social skills.
- The childminder knows how to support children's behaviour. She describes how she will use praise and positive ways to help children to understand what is expected of them. The childminder is aware of the importance of teaching children to become independent and preparing them well for school, such as learning to share, take turns and developing their confidence.
- The childminder is experienced in working with children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She aims to offer a welcoming and inclusive setting. The childminder describes how she will work with other professionals, such as health visitors, to help all children to make the best possible progress.
- The childminder is committed to keeping her skills and knowledge up to date. She is aware of the importance of evaluating her practice. The childminder has ensured that all statutory training remains up to date. She has also completed recent training around nurture to support children's mental health and well-being.

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	EY265599
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10392887
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	8 October 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Consett, County Durham. She operates all year round, from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant childcare qualification at level 3. She provides government-funded childcare.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Melanie Vincent

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to plan and deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The childminder described to the inspector how she will keep children safe and protect them from harm.
- The childminder explained to the inspector how she will continue to keep her knowledge up to date and evaluate her setting.
- The inspector looked at a sample of the childminder's documentation, including evidence of the childminder's first-aid certificate and insurance.

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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