

Childminder report

Inspection date:

6 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 is experienced and understands how to care for young children. She intends to provide a caring, fun and stimulating environment for children to flourish, both emotionally and developmentally.
- The childminder completes regular training. She recognises the importance of keeping her knowledge up to date and comments that improving her skills promotes her motivation and job satisfaction. This positive attitude towards self-development is admirable and helps the childminder to continually improve the quality of service.
- Safeguarding and child welfare is given high priority. The childminder demonstrates good knowledge of how to protect children from harm. She has detailed policies and procedures to follow if she identifies a safeguarding concern. She understands the possible signs of abuse and what to do if she has concerns about a child in her care.
- A very well-stocked play room is available for children to access in the childminder's home. A wide range of toys, resources and play equipment cover all areas of learning. Furthermore, the childminder plans to offer a broad range of activities and games to help children of all ages to make good progress.
- The childminder understands the value and importance of working closely with parents. She explains her intentions to regularly share updates with parents and offer practical ideas to support children's learning at home. This joined-up approach aims to help children settle quickly and make good progress.
- The childminder plans to adapt her environment or service to meet children's unique needs. She explains how all children will be welcome and treated equally.
- The childminder has working relationships with other professionals. For instance, she has close links with the local primary school and has a number of childminder friends. Working with other professionals helps the childminder to share ideas, reflect and evaluate her practice.
- The childminder demonstrates good knowledge of risk assessments and safety procedures. She knows what may present a risk to children and how to remove or minimise hazards to keep children safe.
- The childminder is gentle and calm in her nature. She intends to offer a home-from-home environment and nurture children through kind and caring interactions.

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	EY266489
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	10308146
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 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	22 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Winsford, Cheshire. She operates during term time, from 8am to 8.45am and 3.15pm to 5pm. The childminder occasionally operates during school holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Michelle Jacques

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation.
- The inspector and childminder completed a learning walk. They discussed how the childminder intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she will use when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed safeguarding with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks.

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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