

Childminder report

Inspection date:

22 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

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Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder knows how to offer a safe and welcoming environment for all children. She prioritises building secure attachments with children to promote their emotional well-being.
- The childminder values the importance of working in partnership with parents. She aims to provide consistency in children's care. She does this through gathering information about children's dietary requirements, home routines and interests. The childminder offers gradual induction sessions to help children settle into her home.
- Parents are highly positive about the care their children have received from the childminder. They appreciate her support, flexibility and advice.
- The childminder adopts a calm and respectful approach when managing children's behaviour, to suit the age and needs of each child. She models to children how to behave and knows how to promote positive behaviour.
- The childminder recognises the benefits of providing children with clear and consistent expectations to help them build confidence and independence. She does this by encouraging them to carry out independent tasks, such as putting dishes in the dishwasher and recycling leftovers.
- The childminder complements the learning children receive at school. She does this by motivating children to read through providing praise and enthusiasm.
- The childminder knows how to extend children's learning from school, such as supporting their recall and language skills. She recognises the need to speak clearly and to explain the meaning of words to help children develop their understanding.
- The childminder updates her professional practice. She has completed a range of recent training around safeguarding. She understands her safeguarding responsibilities and knows the procedures to follow if she has concerns about a child's well-being.
- The childminder knows how to support children to make choices and express themselves. She gives children choices of resources to play with and helps them persist when they find tasks challenging. This helps to build resilience and develop their self-esteem.

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	EY292898
Local authority	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Inspection number	10311654
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Date of previous inspection	4 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in the Widcombe area of Bath. The childminder offers care exclusively for school-aged children from 3pm until 6pm, Monday to Thursday, during term time.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Catherine Parker-Johns

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 of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the areas of the premises that the children use and discussed the equipment and resources that are available.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about how she intends to support children's individual needs.
- The childminder showed the inspector the relevant policies and documentation that she intends to use when caring for children.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about how she works in partnership with parents to support children's care needs.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder, including the suitability of household members.
- The childminder shared her self-evaluation of her setting and professional development.
- The inspector took account of parents' views.

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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