

Childminder report

Inspection date:

2 July 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Requires improvement

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of child development and how children learn. She explains that she will gather detailed information from parents when children first start in her care. This information, combined with her own observations and assessments, will help her identify next steps in learning that are unique and carefully tailored to each individual child. The childminder talks confidently about the activities she will provide children in order to help them make good progress.
- The childminder is committed to keeping her, and any assistants she works with, skills and knowledge up to date. She will ensure they all complete all mandatory training, including safeguarding and paediatric first aid. In addition, the childminder engages in further professional development to enhance her practice. For example, she explains how recent training has deepened her understanding of how to effectively support children's communication and language development.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of child protection procedures. She can confidently identify and discuss the signs and symptoms of abuse. The childminder knows the appropriate channels to report any concerns regarding children's safety and well-being. She keeps her safeguarding training regularly updated and takes steps to ensure the ongoing suitability of other adults in the household.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting children's independence. She explains how she will support children to make choices and manage tasks by themselves, helping them to build confidence. Children will be supported to wash their own hands and tend to their own care needs.
- The childminder describes how she has high expectations for children's behaviour. She explains how she uses positive reinforcement and praise to encourage and manage children's behaviour, which effectively supports their confidence and self-esteem. The childminder promotes good behaviour by setting clear boundaries and expectations, and by providing children with consistent reminders.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents. She explains how she will share information with parents about children's next steps and support them in extending learning at home. For example, parents will receive daily updates, as well as scrapbooks containing photos and observations, about their child's day and development.
- The childminder understands the importance of supporting children to lead healthy lifestyles. Children will have daily access to outdoor play, which provides fresh air and helps them develop their gross motor skills. The childminder explains how she will also work closely with parents to ensure that packed lunches are healthy and nutritious. In addition, children are offered water throughout the day and a variety of healthy snacks.

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	EY303823
Local authority	Sheffield
Inspection number	10374152
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 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	18
Date of previous inspection	1 October 2024

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2004 and lives in Sheffield. She works with her husband as an assistant. The childminder operates all year round, from 7.15am to 5.15pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder offers the government funded places for childcare and receives specific funding for disadvantaged children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jennifer Cowton

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the safeguarding and welfare requirements and what records she keeps.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of all household members and qualifications of the childminder.
- The inspector and the childminder completed a learning walk. The childminder shared with the inspector how she plans to support children's learning and development.
- The inspector considered the suitability of the premises for children, indoors and outdoors.

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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