

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 January 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 understands the importance of keeping up to date with her professional development. She attends regular safeguarding training to broaden her knowledge of what children may be at risk from. The childminder has attended a course about autism spectrum disorder. This has helped her become more alert to the possible signs and helped her understand how children are feeling. The childminder has signed up to a course about online safety, so she can improve how she helps the older children stay safe online.
- The childminder understands the need to help children learn about the importance of healthy lifestyles. She knows to help them learn about eating nutritious foods and maintaining good oral health. The childminder understands the need for children to have regular opportunities for fresh air and exercise as part of the daily routine. She knows to encourage good hygiene routines to limit the spread of infection.
- The childminder knows how to promote positive behaviour, such as through role modelling and having rules and boundaries in place. She understands how to help children reflect on their behaviour, to negotiate conflict and to manage their feelings and emotions. The childminder knows where to seek support if children display challenging behaviour.
- The childminder knows to help children learn about other cultures and traditions. She understands the importance of children sharing their celebrations with one another, so they learn to develop respect for the diverse society in which they live.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnerships with parents to support children's needs. She regularly seeks their views on her service and introduces changes as a result. For example, she offers older children more baking activities due to their increased interest in cooking.
- The childminder has a sound understanding of safeguarding and child protection issues. She is confident in her knowledge of where to report concerns about a child's welfare or if an allegation was made against her. She regularly attends training to keep up to date with local issues, such as county lines. The childminder regularly risk assesses her home, to minimise possible risks to children.
- The childminder understands the need to provide children with a wide range of activities that are based around their interests. She talks about how she involves the older children in her planning and organises activities that they would like to do. The childminder explains that children regularly go on trips in the environment, such as to parks, the cinema and the arboretum to build dens. Indoors, she says they are able to play games, choose arts and craft activities, bake and read books, for example.

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	EY318595
Local authority	Swindon
Inspection number	10264441
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	6 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	15 June 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2006 and she lives in Swindon. She offers wraparound care for older children before and after school and during the school holidays only. The childminder works Monday to Friday from 7am to 8.30am and 3.30pm to 6pm. She picks the children up from school at 1.30pm on a Friday.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charlotte Jenkin

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection 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 provider.
- The inspector viewed the premises and discussed the safety and suitability of these.
- The childminder provided the inspector with some documentation to sample, including training certificates.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about training she has received, her safeguarding practice and her knowledge of the early years foundation stage.

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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