

Childminder report

Inspection date:

22 April 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has made some improvements since the last inspection. She has ensured that her premises are secure at all times to prevent children from leaving unaccompanied. This also ensures that unauthorised persons cannot enter her home.
- The childminder demonstrates an increased knowledge of the signs and symptoms which indicate that a child may be vulnerable to abuse. She understands her responsibilities to protect children from harm. She shows a clear understanding of the local procedures that must be followed in the event that she has child protection concerns about children. She knows the procedures to follow if an allegation is made about her or a household member. The childminder continues to access safeguarding information sessions online that are provided by the local authority.
- The childminder's home is safe, spacious and well organised for children. In discussion, the childminder talks about her improved assessment of risks in her home. She shows that she has taken appropriate steps to ensure that children are within sight or hearing at all times. This includes during mealtimes, as they sleep and when playing on larger equipment in her home.
- Through discussion, the childminder speaks about the learning and development requirements. She shares how she uses her guidance documents to assess whether children are making progress and to help her to decide what they need to learn next. She uses appropriate toys and identifies activities, during discussion, that are appropriate for the learning needs of children at their differing stages of development.
- The childminder describes the tools she uses to help children to build on and improve their communication skills. She shares how she prepares children for their future learning. For example, becoming independent in getting dressed and learning to hold a pencil correctly. However, she does not always help older children to more fully develop independence, such as during meals and drink times.
- The childminder shares how she works with parents. She explains that she gains information at the start to help her to provide for children's care and learning needs. The childminder explains that she shares information regularly with parents about the progress that children make.
- The childminder explains the meals that are provided to children. She says she provides fresh fruit daily. She says she offers older children a choice of sandwiches. However, some of the options provided do not consistently promote children's good health.
- The childminder shows a good understanding of appropriate strategies to manage behaviour. She explains that she helps children to take turns and play well together. She explains she uses lots of positive praise to help children to understand, particularly when they use good manners and show kindness and respectful behaviours towards others.
- Documentation and records are accurate and maintained consistently by the

childminder. She ensures that her policies are now kept up to date to contribute to the good welfare of children and the safe and efficient running of her provision.

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	EY319213
Local authority	Stoke-on-Trent
Inspection number	10236808
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 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	18
Date of previous inspection	2 November 2021

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2005 and lives in Stoke-on-Trent. She operates Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm, all year round, except for family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Suzanne Taylor

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the requirements of the early years foundation stage and promotes children's learning and development.
- The inspector took a tour of the childminder's home and assessed the safety and suitability of the premises and resources.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about how her provision is organised. The inspector reviewed relevant documentation and records, including evidence of the suitability of staff working at the setting.
- The inspector viewed evidence of the childminder's training and qualifications.

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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