

Childminder report

Inspection date:

26 September 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder does not understand child development, the different areas of learning and how children can be supported to progress.
- The childminder cannot explain how she would implement a curriculum or identify what children need to learn next.
- The childminder explains how she will support children to understand about healthy foods and how they grow. This will include asking children to help her collect fresh eggs from her chickens and to plant, grow and harvest food from the garden, such as apples and raspberries.
- Through discussions, the childminder shows an understanding of how to identify child protection concerns and where to report these. She also explains how she will carry out risk assessments in her home to ensure it is safe for children.
- The childminder confidently talks about how she will promote children's safety on outings. She explains how she will fasten younger children securely into pushchairs and ask older children to hold her hand or onto the pushchair. She demonstrates an understanding of how to provide appropriate car seats for the different ages of children when transporting them in her car.
- The childminder describes how she will help children settle into her home when they first start. For example, she will invite parents to visit her home with their children first and show children where toys and resources are kept.
- The childminder understands how to promote hygiene practices, for example asking children to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating, and cleaning tables before mealtimes.
- The childminder explains how she intends to work in partnership with other settings children attend and schools they will move on to. She plans to share information about children's abilities and care routines with staff.
- The childminder explains how she will share information with parents about activities children enjoy. She intends to support parents to continue their children's learning at home.
- The childminder shows an understanding of how to support children to manage their behaviour. For instance, she will use distraction with younger children and encourage older children to learn how to share. Furthermore, she intends to praise children for their achievements.
- The childminder shows an understanding of how to help children to be emotionally ready for their move on to school. She explains how this will include sharing books with children about schools and helping them to become familiar with the morning routine in preparation for going to school.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage, the provider must:

	Due date
develop appropriate skills and knowledge to understand child development and how children learn	29/12/2025
ensure the curriculum identifies what children need to learn next.	29/12/2025

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY332271
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	10388325
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	8 July 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2006 and lives in Grantham, Lincolnshire. She operates all year round from 11am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Hayley Ruane

Inspection activities

- The inspector and childminder had a tour of the areas of the premises used by children and discussed the equipment and toys available.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the curriculum for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she uses when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder.

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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