

Childminder report

Inspection date: 15 May 2024

The quality and standards of early years provision	This inspection	Met
	Previous inspection	Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder's knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage is strong. She is fully aware of the importance of offering an ambitious and purposeful curriculum that supports children to gain knowledge across all seven areas of learning.
- The childminder demonstrates how she can provide a warm and welcoming environment for children.
- The childminder explains how she will promote children's understanding of healthy lifestyles. She discusses the importance of providing children with healthy meals and regular opportunities to be outside in the fresh air.
- The childminder understands the importance of children feeling safe and secure. She explains the procedures when children first start. She understands the importance of building strong bonds with the children, and the importance of gathering information from parents before children start to attend.
- The childminder talks about establishing strong parent partnerships. She explains how she shares information with parents and provides them with daily feedback. She ensures parents know how their children are developing and supports parents where they may need some guidance so that they can support their child at home.
- The childminder shows a secure knowledge and understanding of how to promote children's positive behaviour. She explains how she helps children learn how to manage their feelings and emotions. The childminder discusses how she sensitively supports children in an age-appropriate way to understand the setting's expectations, boundaries, and rules.
- The childminder demonstrates how she continues to improve her knowledge, such as through discussions with local childminder groups, attending training and reading different literature. She describes how this helps to ensure that her everyday practice and understanding of current legislation and guidance are up to date.
- The childminder knows how to identify safeguarding concerns and what to do to protect children's welfare. She has procedures in place to check the premises to ensure that children are not exposed to unnecessary risks.
- The childminder explains how she regularly reviews the quality of the service she provides. She discusses how she gathers the views of children and parents to help her identify areas of improvement.

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	EY336207
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10345045
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	8 to 13
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	30 August 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2006. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 8.35am and 3pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Beverley Devlin

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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures that they are safe and suitable for children.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about her intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder explained how she works in partnership with parents and other settings that the children attend.

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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