

Childminder report

Inspection date:

18 October 2022

**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 her role in keeping children safe from harm. She is aware of the signs of abuse and can confidently record and report any concerns she may have. She knows who to contact if an allegation is made against herself or a member of her household.
- The childminder provides a clean, safe environment for children. She carries out thorough risk assessments to identify any hazards and take steps to minimise risks. The childminder supports children to take care of themselves, teaching them good hygiene practice, such as regular handwashing.
- The childminder discusses how she will implement a curriculum that builds on what children already know. She will gather information from parents and use observations of children to plan activities to suit their individual needs. She will engage children in learning using their interests and use assessment to ensure children make good progress.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting children's physical well-being. The childminder talks about taking children to nearby open spaces to play and to get regular fresh air and exercise. She will also use these opportunities to teach children to manage their own risks, for example children will learn how to cross the road safely.
- The childminder explains how she will help children understand boundaries and expectations of behaviour. She will use positive reinforcement and play games that encourage turn taking and sharing.
- The childminder will promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle by offering healthy snacks, such as fruit and vegetables. She will use books, games, and discussion to teach children about the importance of a balanced diet.
- The childminder discusses how she will support children to be independent through daily routines. She will encourage children to put on their own shoes and coats and help themselves to fresh drinking water throughout the day. She will support children's self-esteem and confidence by offering regular praise and encouragement.
- The childminder understands the importance of working with parents. She intends to work closely with parents to share information about children's development and to support them to extend learning at home. She understands the importance of working with others to ensure children receive a consistent approach to their care and learning.
- The childminder keeps her mandatory training up to date, such as paediatric first aid and safeguarding. She also extends her knowledge by listening to webinars and seeking information from local authority advisers.

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	EY355263
Local authority	North Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10235097
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 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	15
Date of previous inspection	16 December 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2007. She lives in Kettering, Northamptonshire. She operates all year round from 7.45am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Charmaine Cayton

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 their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.

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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