

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

8 April 2025

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder's home is welcoming, safe and suitable for children. She explains how she involves children in making a risk assessment of both her home and visits to local areas such as parks. The childminder has a good understanding of hygiene and how to store and prepare food safely.
- The childminder arranges resources so they are accessible to all children so they can make choices about their play. She demonstrates a secure knowledge and understanding of child development and explains how she plans activities to interest them and extend their learning.
- The importance of helping children to lead healthy lifestyles is a priority for the childminder. She plans daily walks in the local area, and children are able to play outdoors in all weathers. The childminder teaches children about the importance of healthy eating, and fresh water is always available.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents. She keeps parents up to date with what children enjoy doing in her care. For example, she shares photos and has regular conversations with parents.
- The childminder explains how she supports children to develop their independence, for example by encouraging them to put on their own coats and shoes for going outdoors. She knows how to support them to keep resources tidy to minimise any potential hazards.
- The childminder understands the importance of working with other settings children may attend, including local pre-schools and schools. She collaborates with school staff, for example, to support continuity and consistency for the children in her care.
- The childminder is clear about how to support children to build positive relationships with each other and respect each other's views. She describes how she encourages them to recognise and understand their feelings. She uses games, for example, to encourage children to listen, share and take turns.
- The childminder is experienced in childcare and continues to develop her knowledge and skills, for example through research. She keeps up to date with any changes in legislation, such as safeguarding and first aid, by attending mandatory training.
- The childminder offers an inclusive service and adapts her practice so that all children can enjoy the activities on offer.

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

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| <b>Unique reference number</b>                     | EY357799                                                                          |
| <b>Local authority</b>                             | Devon                                                                             |
| <b>Inspection number</b>                           | 10392077                                                                          |
| <b>Type of provision</b>                           | Childminder                                                                       |
| <b>Registers</b>                                   | Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register |
| <b>Day care type</b>                               | Childminder                                                                       |
| <b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b> | 4 to 13                                                                           |
| <b>Total number of places</b>                      | 6                                                                                 |
| <b>Number of children on roll</b>                  | 28                                                                                |
| <b>Date of previous inspection</b>                 | 1 August 2019                                                                     |

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2007 and lives in Belstone, near Okehampton, Devon. She operates after school and during the school holidays. The childminder is registered to provide funded early education for two- to four-year-old children. She holds a level 3 qualification.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Margaret Baird

### Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder provided the inspector with key documentation on request.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.

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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