

Childminder report

Inspection date:

21 June 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands the importance of planning a curriculum where children's knowledge and skills develop over time. She places value upon knowing children well and intends to use her knowledge of child development to help ensure children make good progress.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of the need for outdoor learning. She confidently explains how this can support children's physical development and health and well-being. She plans for children to experience joy in the natural world around them. She intends to plant seeds with children, growing food which can later be used to spark discussions around healthy eating.
- The childminder is passionate about reading with children. She plans to share stories with children daily. The childminder knows how reading can promote children's early literacy skills and language development. She understands how to support children's communication skills. For example, narrating daily activities for babies.
- The childminder offers an inclusive environment where children can learn about people who are different from themselves. She plans to use books and resources to help foster a culture of equality. She intends to explore different cultures and festivals with children through crafts and food tasting.
- The childminder plans to promote children's independence in a variety of ways. For example, encouraging children to take off their own coats and hang them on a named peg. She intends to support children as they learn to wash their own hands and independently go to the toilet. She recognises the importance of modelling skills, such as teaching babies to feed themselves.
- The childminder understands how to support children's personal development through building positive and caring relationships. The childminder has good knowledge of strategies to support children's positive behaviour, such as praising children. She places importance upon providing sensitive and interactive personal care routines, such as when changing children's nappies.
- The childminder has sound safeguarding knowledge. She understands the different types of abuse and signs she would be alert to. She knows how to report any concerns she has. She attends regular safeguarding training to keep her knowledge up to date. She risk assesses her environment, giving thoughtful consideration to how she will make it a safe space for children.
- The childminder understands the importance of evaluating her practice. She seeks out professional development opportunities to help ensure her practice is always improving. The childminder undertakes all required training, including food safety and first aid.
- The childminder plans to send home a daily diary to support good partnerships with parents. She understands the importance of regular communication with parents. She intends to share information with parents on how they can extend children's learning at home.

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	EY362578
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	10129080
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	2 February 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2007 and lives in Northwich. She operates all year round from 7.45am to 6pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Amanda Richards

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 setting.
- The inspector viewed the childminding provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about her intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request, including evidence that she holds a valid paediatric first-aid qualification.

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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