

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 November 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 provides a clean and welcoming home-from-home environment for children. She explains the measures in place to keep children safe. The childminder provides overnight care for children. She provides children with their own space in order for them to feel safe and secure while in her care.
- The childminder understands the importance of positive partnerships. This begins when children first start at the setting. The childminder demonstrates how she gathers information prior to them starting. She uses this information to plan suitably challenging activities in order for children to make the best possible progress. Using a tracking document, the childminder is able to identify where children may need extra support. She is aware of how to access additional support if required.
- The childminder understands the areas of learning and explains how she will encourage children to share, take turns and make friends. When promoting an understanding of the world, children's similarities and differences will be celebrated. The childminder has a selection of resources for children to practise matching, counting and develop their critical thinking. Providing books for children to look at and reading stories together is important to the childminder when promoting communication and language.
- Safeguarding children is of paramount importance to the childminder. She is fully aware of her responsibility to refer any concerns to relevant agencies. She has knowledge of signs and symptoms of abuse. The childminder has completed training to ensure her knowledge is current and up to date. She understands her duty to report any allegations made against herself or other members of the household.
- The childminder explains how she expects children to behave. She has clear strategies for dealing with unwanted behaviour. Older children would be encouraged to role model positive behaviour for younger children.
- The childminder values the importance of healthy eating. She feels it is important that children are involved in the making of their snacks and meals in order to encourage healthy choices. The childminder promotes oral hygiene for children.
- The childminder explains how she keeps her knowledge up to date. For example, she links with other local childminders. She access training online and through the local authority to support her continuous professional development.

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	EY377381
Local authority	Lancashire
Inspection number	10235227
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	6 to 15
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	28 November 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2008. She lives in Clitheroe. The childminder operates term time only, from 7.30am to 9am and 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. She does not operate on Thursdays or bank holidays. The childminder provides overnight care.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kate Martin

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 her and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the areas of the premises that children have access to and discussed how they create and plan for the play environment.
- A sample of documents was viewed by the inspector. These included evidence of the suitability of the childminder, including training.
- The inspector discussed the arrangements for safeguarding children with the childminder.
- The inspector established the childminder's intentions for providing a curriculum for children and how this would be implemented.

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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