

Childminder report

Inspection date:

25 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a secure understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and recognises her role and responsibility in keeping children safe. This includes those who may be at risk from radical views. The childminder has a clear safeguarding policy and procedure and knows who to contact should she have concerns about a child.
- The childminder ensures the environment children have access to is risk assessed. She explains the importance of helping children learn how to be safe, including how she will help them understand road safety. The childminder has appropriate fire safety equipment and designated fire exits. She will ensure children are safely supervised, both indoors and outdoors.
- The childminder understands the importance of healthy lifestyles for children. She explains how she ensures children get daily fresh air and exercise. The childminder provides a healthy, balanced diet that meets children's dietary needs. In addition, the childminder supports children to develop good hygiene practices. For example, she encourages children to wash their hands after playing outside and before meals.
- The childminder knows how to support children's behaviour appropriately. She encourages children to be helpful towards others, use their manners and take turns. The childminder reminds children of the rules and supports them in negotiating times with certain activities. In addition, the childminder understands that some children may have difficulty managing their emotions. She explains how she will help children reflect on their behaviour and recognise the impact this has on others.
- The childminder understands the importance of children learning to do things for themselves. She explains how she encourages children to help set the table, tidy up after themselves and put on their shoes and coats to help develop their independence skills.
- The childminder has a sound knowledge regarding the areas of learning and describes how she will promote the development of children. She understands how to plan appropriate activities to meet children's individual learning and development needs. The childminder explains how she works with parents to find out about children's interests.
- The childminder is well qualified and values her continuing professional development. For example, she has recently undertaken mandatory training in paediatric first aid, safeguarding and whistle-blowing. In addition, she understands the importance of evaluating her practice to enhance her provision further.

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	EY378563
Local authority	North Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10309015
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	5 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Date of previous inspection	7 February 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder lives in Kettering, Northamptonshire. She registered in 2008. She operates Monday to Friday, from 3.30pm to 6.15pm during term time and from 7.30am to 6.15pm during the school holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Susan Hyatt

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 spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector checked the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder explained to the inspector how she plans her curriculum and how she works in partnership with parents.

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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