

Childminder report

Inspection date:

12 December 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the importance of keeping her home safe and free of any potential hazards to children. The childminder confidently speaks about her safeguarding policy and the procedure to follow if she had any concerns regarding children's welfare.
- The childminder explains how she will gather information from parents when their children first start attending. She will ensure that she observes children and plans activities that will follow their interests to help support their future development.
- Working in partnership with parents is viewed as very important by the childminder. She comments that she will share information and provide ideas to parents to help support children's continued development. The childminder states she will make parents aware of the need to inform her of their children's experiences and any learning that takes place at home, so she can further support this.
- The childminder is aware of the need to demonstrate positive behaviour to children and be a good role model. She states how she will teach children manners and will provide them with opportunities to share, take turns and be respectful to others.
- During discussions, the childminder provides a great account of how she plans to promote children's understanding of the importance of being active and healthy. She gives examples of how she will provide healthy and nutritious snacks. The childminder will offer opportunities for children to know about the effects that food has on their body.
- The childminder talks about attending additional training to help her continually develop and improve her practice. She explains how she also joins online groups, where she talks with other childminders to gain other's views and share ideas. The childminder demonstrates a clear knowledge of the importance of regularly evaluating the service that she offers to children and their families.

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	EY395098
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	10305278
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	2 to 2
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Date of previous inspection	16 February 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in the Blacon area of Chester. She holds a relevant childcare qualification at level 3. The childminder operates all year round, from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays, and provides occasional overnight care.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Kellie Lever

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 has taken that into account in her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector toured the areas of the premises used by children and discussed the equipment and toys available.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she will use when caring for children.

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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