

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 April 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 has very good knowledge and understanding of her duty to safeguard children and to protect them from harm. She has a clear safeguarding procedure and can recognise possible signs and symptoms of abuse. She knows how to refer concerns, including wider safeguarding concerns. The childminder holds a recognised paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The childminder recognises the significance of providing an inclusive service. She knows how to support children's positive awareness of people's differences. The childminder is keen to encourage children to develop respect for all living things and their environment.
- The childminder reflects on her childminding provision. She ensures that all essential training is in place, such as paediatric first aid and safeguarding. The childminder reflects on her practice. She gathers parents' views and comments to help her identify areas for development. She has also accessed some courses to make sure that she is fully up to date with the latest information on the best childcare practice.
- The childminder understands how to meet children's individual needs. She recognises the importance of working closely with parents and other settings that children attend. She describes how this helps her to provide appropriate and consistent care and learning.
- The childminder understands how to support children's learning and development. She has procedures to monitor children's progress and identify any gaps in learning. She knows how to plan a suitable range of age-appropriate play opportunities to inspire and challenge.
- The childminder places great importance on supporting children's emotional health and well-being. She understands how to support children to develop their confidence and self-esteem. She demonstrates a good awareness of how to help them build relationships with each other, and understands how to manage behaviour extremely well.

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	EY397340
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10229552
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	17 January 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2009 and lives in Castleside. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The childminder and the inspector carried out a learning walk. They discussed the learning environment and how the curriculum would be organised.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder her knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- The inspector held a meeting with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation, such as the records, policies and evidence of the suitability of household members. They discussed her understanding of safeguarding procedures.

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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