

Childminder report

Inspection date:

8 September 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 has a secure understanding of how to keep children safe and promote their welfare. She is aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse. She knows how to report any concerns to the relevant authorities to ensure that children are protected.
- The childminder carries out thorough risk assessments to identify any hazards and she takes steps to minimise hazards. She provides a safe environment for children where they can play and learn. The childminder knows how to help children learn about possible risks in their play and how to keep themselves safe.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure awareness of the importance of developing positive working partnerships with parents. She intends to work closely with parents to find out about children's individual needs and their interests. She knows how to keep parents updated about their children's progress and give them ideas for how to continue their child's learning at home. The childminder recognises that effective partnership working contributes to children receiving a consistent approach to their care and learning.
- The childminder has a reflective approach to her work, and she is keen to continue to develop her knowledge and understanding about how children learn. She attends training in first aid and safeguarding, for example, to ensure her knowledge remains up to date. Specific training in areas, such as play therapy, increases her understanding of how best to support children and meet their individual needs.
- The childminder confidently discusses how she will support children's independence and help them to develop confidence. She understands how to help to children feel safe and relaxed in her home. She knows how to help children learn how to make choices. For example, by allowing them to select and tidy away their own toys and to choose what they want for their snack.
- The childminder knows how to implement an ambitious curriculum that builds on what children already know. She describes how she will plan for individual children, by following their interests, and introducing them to new experiences to widen their knowledge and learning.
- The childminder explains how she will help children learn about the boundaries and expectations for behaviour. She places high focus on children developing positive relationships, and learning about being kind and to respect others. She understands the importance of a consistent approach, so that children know what is expected of them.
- The childminder knows how to promote healthy lifestyles for children. She intends to offer healthy snacks and ensure children have access to drinking water. Provision is made for children to be physically active. For example, the childminder's garden has plenty of space for active games and a tree that is suitable for climbing. The childminder said she will walk with children to the local school and around the village.

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	EY402336
Local authority	West Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10138509
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	8 to 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	9 October 2014

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2009 and lives in Wootton, Northampton. She operates during term time only from 7.30am to 8.45am and from 3.15pm to 5.15pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Melanie Eastwell

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 spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises to be used by children and discussed the safety and risk assessments with the childminder.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks for the adults living and working in the household.

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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