

Childminder report

Inspection date:

4 November 2019

**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 many years of experience of caring for children. She understands how to make children feel valued and welcome in her home, such as celebrating children's birthdays and spending time talking with them. She confidently explains how she helps children become independent and develop good social skills, so they learn to make friends.
- The childminder has organised her home well to provide a welcoming and safe environment for children. She assesses risks effectively and takes steps to minimise or remove these, to help keep children safe in her home and when travelling to and from school. She describes how she helps children learn to keep themselves safe, such as practising fire drills, so children know what to do.
- The childminder has a wide range of good-quality toys and resources that are appropriate for all ages of children she cares for. She organises these well to enable children to easily see and find what they want. She likes children to relax after their busy school day and describes how she gives them the freedom to choose what to play with and where.
- The childminder knows how to promote children's good health and well-being. For example, she makes sure that children wash their hands on returning from school, follows hygienic practices and provides drinks and largely healthy snacks. She encourages children to be physically active, for example playing in the garden or holding discos.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of safeguarding and child protection issues. She regularly completes training to keep up to date. She recognises the signs that a child may be at risk of harm and knows what to do if she has concerns.
- The childminder understands the importance of working closely with parents and school staff to ensure they have a consistent approach to children's care, including for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. For example, they discuss effective ways to manage children's behaviour, so children have consistent boundaries and understand what is expected of them. Parents speak highly of the care she provides and her good communication with them.
- The childminder evaluates her practice. She attends training and researches information to develop her professional skills and help her make improvements that benefit the children.

There were no children 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 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	EY411366
Local authority	Wiltshire
Inspection number	10066850
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	6 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	15 October 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Bowerhill, in Melksham, Wiltshire. The childminder only provides care before and after school, and only during term time. She provides occasional overnight care and occasional care during the school holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Rachel Edwards

Inspection activities

- The childminder showed the inspector all the areas of her home and garden used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she would meet the needs of children she cares for and support their health, safety and well-being.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's and her husband's suitability, the childminder's qualifications and the policies and documents she uses.
- The inspector spoke with several parents and took account of their views.

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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