

Childminder report

Inspection date:

4 October 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 understands how to plan a broad curriculum and plan suitable learning opportunities to interest children and meet their individual needs. He knows how to assess children's ongoing development and build on their prior learning.
- The childminder has clear expectations for children's good behaviour. He talks about how to implement a positive approach to encourage children to respect each other. The childminder knows the importance of helping children to understand their own feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- The childminder promotes healthy lifestyles. He knows the benefits of daily physical activity and time in the fresh air. The childminder discusses a variety of different ways of encouraging children to eat healthy and nutritious food. He knows that children have fun and enjoy making their own food, for example.
- The childminder knows the importance of working in partnership with parents and describes how he shares important information with them. The childminder discusses how he helps parents with advice and support, through regular discussions, for example. This provides children with a consistent approach to their development.
- The childminder understands the need to support children's development through interesting learning experiences. He discusses the value of encouraging children to cooperate with each other as they play games together, for example. He is also aware of the importance of enabling children to develop their early literacy skills. He talks about the valuable skills children learn as they listen to stories, for instance.
- The childminder fully understands his safeguarding responsibilities to protect children from harm. He knows the procedures to follow to report any concerns about a child's welfare. The childminder attends regular safeguarding training. This helps to keep his knowledge up to date. He ensures his home is safe and secure, and knows how to encourage children to keep themselves safe as they play. The childminder understands the need to supervise children at all times, including when travelling outside of the setting.

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	EY414323
Local authority	Plymouth
Inspection number	10308319
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	5 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Plymouth, Devon. He operates flexible hours all year round. He provides occasional overnight care. The childminder is eligible to receive funding for the provision of free early years education for children aged two, three and four years. The childminder works alongside his wife, who is also a registered childminder.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Margaret Baird

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The childminder showed the inspector the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder provided the inspector with relevant documentation on request, including evidence of his suitability to work with children.
- The childminder talked to the inspector about his intentions for children's learning and how he works with his co-childminder.
- The inspector checked the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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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