

Childminder report

Inspection date:

12 August 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has made progress since their last inspection. She has taken appropriate steps to make improvements, resulting in a 'met' judgement.
- The childminder has completed child protection training. She demonstrates a sufficient understanding of the signs that indicate a child may be at risk of abuse. The childminder knows the procedure to report concerns about children's welfare. Additionally, she understands what to do if an allegation is made against herself or any adult living in her home.
- The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of how to support children's behaviour for their different ages and stages of development. She states that she plans experiences to encourage children to learn how to cooperate, take turns and share with their peers.
- The childminder understands the importance of teaching children about healthy lifestyles. She states she does this by providing them with nutritiously balanced meals and daily exercise. Furthermore, the childminder describes how she involves children in growing fruits and vegetables in her garden. She explains this will help children to learn about where food comes from and what plants need to thrive.
- The childminder explains that she has strengthened the implementation of her curriculum to help ensure all children receive activities that are age appropriate. She states that the experiences she provides for children are based on their interests and the next stage of development. The childminder explains how she monitors children's progress to swiftly identify any gaps in their learning.
- The childminder recognises the value of working in partnership with parents. She explains how she works closely with parents before children start at the setting to establish a secure understanding of children's care needs and development. The childminder discusses how she regularly shares information with parents about children's progress and next stages of learning.
- The childminder explains how she accesses online training to refresh her knowledge and to build on her professional development. For instance, she completed a course on how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The childminder states this training has deepened her understanding of her role and responsibilities to help meet the needs of children with SEND.

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	EY429509
Local authority	North Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10337286
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	1 to 1
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	13 February 2024

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Kettering, Northamptonshire. She operates all year round, Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Kelly Langley

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector checked the childminder's understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder explained how she plans her curriculum and how she works in partnership with parents and other professionals.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about how she reflects on her practice and develops her knowledge and skills.

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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