

Childminder report

Inspection date:

30 September 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder plans to gather information from parents about their children's interests, development and routines. This includes what children already know and can do. The childminder describes how she will use this information, and her own observations, to plan support for children's learning.
- The childminder's home is comfortable, safe and secure. This includes a spacious and enclosed garden. The childminder plans to provide children with access to fresh air and exercise daily, through walks, trips and outdoor play.
- The childminder plans to support children to become increasingly independent. For example, by encouraging them to put on their own coats and shoes. She explains how she will support children to wash their hands, chop their fruit and pour their drinks at snack time.
- The childminder explains how she will help children to explore their feelings and manage their behaviour. She describes how she will use activities to encourage children to share, to take turns and to play cooperatively with their friends.
- The childminder describes how she will support children's developing speech and language skills, for example, through singing and stories. She plans to use puppets and props to engage and involve children.
- The childminder discusses how she will support children to develop their physical strength, balance and coordination. She plans to encourage children to develop dexterity in their hands and fingers by exploring with dough and small world toys.
- The childminder explains how she will support children to learn about nature and life outside the setting. For example, she plans to take children to a local nature reserve, parks and green spaces. The childminder plans to take children to the local library to take part in storytelling sessions and to a local toddler group.
- The childminder describes how she will help children to stay healthy and safe. She plans to model good hygiene routines and provide a range of homemade and nutritious meals and snacks.
- The childminder understands the need to work closely with parents to support children's learning. She explains the ways in which she will share information with parents about their children's day and their progress.
- The childminder describes how she plans to support parents to extend their children's learning at home. For example, by sharing ideas for recipes and activities.
- The childminder understands the importance of building relationships and sharing information with other professionals involved with children. For example, health visitors or staff at her local school. This helps to create a consistent approach to support for children's learning.
- The childminder is experienced, reflective and well qualified. She keeps her skills, such as safeguarding knowledge and first aid training, up to date. The childminder has experience of supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

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	EY432770
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10392766
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	12
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	8 October 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Crook, County Durham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 5. She offers government funded places for childcare. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Julie Foers

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at the areas to be used for the care of children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to plan and deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will keep children safe and protect them from harm. This included evidence about first aid training.
- The childminder explained to the inspector how she will continue to keep her knowledge up to date and evaluate her setting.

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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