

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

28 February 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Met

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands how to ensure her premises are safe and suitable for children. She discusses the safety measures she has in place to ensure all children are safe. The childminder demonstrates how she would use the rooms in her home to care for children. She explains how she conducts regular fire drills to ensure that children are aware of the evacuation process.
- The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of how to support children's learning. She describes how she would plan the curriculum to help children make progress in all areas of their development. The childminder understands the importance of completing progress checks for children at age two. She shows relevant evidence to support this from previous times when she has minded children.
- The childminder understands the need to evaluate her provision. She explains how she uses feedback from both parents and children in her care, to continually improve her service.
- The childminder discusses how she promotes healthy lifestyles for children. She provides nutritionally balanced meals and encourages children to be physically active outdoors. The childminder explains how she will take them out on walks and how children will have access to the garden in all weathers.
- The childminder discusses how she will manage children's behaviour and how she will support younger children who struggle with their emotions. She is clear about how she will help children to develop positive relationships, acting as a good role model for children.
- The childminder demonstrates how she will provide a home-from-home environment for children. She has a warm and welcoming playroom for children to use. The childminder explains the importance of getting to know children and their families. She ensures relevant information is passed on to parents regarding their child's development.
- The childminder confidently discusses how she keeps records for accidents and incidents. She understands the importance of monitoring these to keep children safe. The childminder keeps her safeguarding knowledge up to date. She confidently describes signs and symptoms of abuse, including female genital mutilation. She is familiar with local safeguarding partnership procedures and how to report any concerns should she be worried about a child.

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

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Unique reference number</b>                     | EY439121                                            |
| <b>Local authority</b>                             | Bedford                                             |
| <b>Inspection number</b>                           | 10263995                                            |
| <b>Type of provision</b>                           | Childminder                                         |
| <b>Registers</b>                                   | Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register |
| <b>Day care type</b>                               | Childminder                                         |
| <b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b> | 0 to 0                                              |
| <b>Total number of places</b>                      | 6                                                   |
| <b>Number of children on roll</b>                  | 0                                                   |
| <b>Date of previous inspection</b>                 | 18 May 2017                                         |

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Wixams, Bedford. She operates during term time only from 7.30am to 8.40am and 3.15pm to 5pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Amy Clarkson

### 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 explained her curriculum aims and how she would implement these.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home used for childminding. She talked with the childminder about resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her self-evaluation process and how she plans to continue to make improvements.
- The inspector checked a range of required documentation, including the suitability checks of adults living on the premises and the childminder's training certificates and policies.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and how to keep children safe.

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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