

Childminder report

Inspection date:

4 October 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder talks knowledgeably about the signs and symptoms of abuse. She is fully aware of a range of safeguarding issues, such as the 'Prevent' duty, female genital mutilation and county lines. The childminder knows who to contact should she have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child. The childminder teaches children to keep themselves safe. She describes how she talks to children about keeping her in sight at all times when in the local park and woodland areas.
- The childminder makes sure that all relevant insurances for her home and business are in place and that her first-aid training is updated as necessary. The childminder explains how she will complete thorough risk assessments of her home, outdoor space and the different places visited with the children.
- The childminder understands how young children learn and develop. She explains how she will use her environment and the places she visits, to provide stimulating activities for the different age ranges of children. The childminder talks of using children's needs and interests as the foundation for developing children's skills. She discusses how she will gain information from parents about children's development, before they start with her.
- The childminder understands how to seek advice and support from other professionals. This includes using strategies to help children who may show persistent gaps in their learning. The childminder knows the importance of effective partnerships with other settings which children may attend in the future. This includes the local schools.
- The childminder values the benefits of developing children's self-care skills. She talks about how she will teach children to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- The childminder recognises the importance of teaching children about healthy eating habits. She describes how she will encourage children to try a wide range of foods with which they are unfamiliar. The childminder talks about how she will discuss with parents any allergies or intolerances children may have.
- The childminder explains how she will help children to manage their own behaviour. She talks about how she will sit with children to discuss what has happened. The childminder describes how she will encourage children to think about the impact their actions have had on other children.
- The childminder has a good understanding of how to develop children's language and communication skills. She plans for children to sing, share books and hear new language throughout the day.
- The childminder understands the importance of developing children's love of books. She talks of how she will take children to the library to select their own books, to read at their own home and at the childminder's home.
- The childminder knows the significance of constantly evaluating her practice. She talks of the need to continuously develop her skills, access training and work in partnership with the local authority. This is to keep her knowledge up to date.

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	EY463826
Local authority	Darlington
Inspection number	10229668
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	8 November 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2013 and lives in Darlington. She operates all year round, from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Denise Charge

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider 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 discussed with the inspector how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's training certificates, the childminder's suitability and the suitability of all people living on the premises.
- The inspector looked at the policies and documents which the childminder will use when caring for children, and discussed her self-evaluation plans.

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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