

Childminder report

Inspection date:

27 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a very clear vision for her before- and after-school provision. There is a strong focus on child-led play with the additional benefit of carefully planned activities that build on the experiences children receive at school. The childminder is passionate about empowering children to make choices about what they want to do. As a result, children are happy, comfortable, engaged and involved. Children's favourite activities include football, crosswords and wordsearches, reading books in a cosy den and playing Bingo.
- The childminder is highly considerate of children's health and well-being. The walk to and from school provides children with an opportunity for fresh air and exercise, a time to talk about their day and a chance to learn about road safety. Children help themselves to a range of healthy snacks and take time to enjoy their snack in the story den. Children's physical development is encouraged as they play football with friends, challenge themselves at a penalty shootout and climb on the climbing equipment in the garden.
- Children are happy and settled at the childminder's home. They know and talk about rules and boundaries. As a result, children behave very well. They have good manners and are considerate to each other. They show empathy to their friends and include them in games and activities. For example, children teach each other how to play the game Bingo successfully.
- The childminder outlined her supervision procedures, which help to ensure that her assistant is valued and supported very well. They both access an extensive range of training across a wide aspect of subjects. This helps to ensure that they are knowledgeable and up to date. Attendance on extensive safeguarding, 'Prevent' duty and radicalisation training means that they know what to do if they have a concern about a child's welfare. The childminder draws on her previous experience as a teacher to help her guide her assistant and make sure that children's best interests are at the heart of her provision.
- Children play in a safe and secure environment because the childminder risk assesses her home. Furthermore, she has considered the safest route to walk to and from school and encourages children to be aware of safety issues on this journey. The childminder and her assistant each hold a paediatric first-aid qualification.
- Parents share their views of the provision on a regular basis through a parent questionnaire. In addition, the childminder speaks to parents on a daily basis. This means that they know about what their children are doing. Parents commented on the childminding provision at the time of the inspection, saying how happy they are and that it is 'like a home from home'.
- The childminder does not currently care for any children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. However, she has experience in working in partnership with parents and other professionals that she could draw on, so that children would be provided with any support they may need.

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	EY469631
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	10264642
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	5 to 10
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	27
Date of previous inspection	21 June 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2013. She lives in Dudley, West Midlands. The childminder provides out-of-school care only Monday to Friday, term time only, from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 7pm. The childminder holds qualified teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Juliette Freeman

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 inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and records, including evidence of the suitability of the childminder.
- The inspector spoke to children and parents during the inspection and took account of their views.

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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