

Childminder report

Inspection date:

12 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 explains clearly how she would use regular observations and assessments of children's learning to plan next steps for their development. She discusses how this information would be shared with parents.
- The childminder describes how she will provide for healthy lifestyles by offering children a variety of outdoor experiences where they can run, climb and construct. She explains about the benefits of parks, adventure playgrounds and forest school sessions to give children opportunities to be physically active and develop a positive attitude to being healthy.
- The childminder explains how she will model positive behaviour strategies to encourage good behaviour. She gave examples of older children supporting and encouraging younger children. She discussed the importance of good manners and children being supported to understand how their behaviour can impact on others.
- The childminder has a good range of resources for children to use indoors and outdoors. She describes how these resources support children in their learning, such as learning about nature in the outdoor area where children can grow herbs, fruit and vegetables.
- The childminder discusses a curriculum that supports children to be ready for school. She describes ways in which she will support children's independence, confidence and self-help skills. For example, the childminder discusses how she will support children to be able to put on their own shoes and coats, eat with a knife and fork and be confident to speak in a group.
- Partnerships with parents and other professionals are highly valued by the childminder. She gives examples of how she communicates with parents to discuss children's starting points and progress and to identify targets to work on together.
- The childminder discusses how she will keep children safe. She explains how she will risk assess, observe and ensure that play areas are secure. The childminder holds a current paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The childminder talks about ways in which her service is inclusive. She provides examples of how children share stories that are unique to them and their families and how she encourages children to celebrate similarities and differences.
- The childminder intends for children to be curious, active learners. She offers choice in her curriculum and describes how she encourages children to follow their interests so that they remain engaged, motivated and eager to learn.
- Parents comment that their children are happy, safe and settled with the childminder. They describe her to have a kind and welcoming approach and they highly value the range of activities, artwork and experiences their children access while attending the childminder's setting.
- Following her last inspection, the childminder has attended a range of training to update and expand her knowledge. She has attended recent safeguarding training and shared relevant information with parents, including information in

relation to online safety.

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	EY481966
Local authority	Cheshire West and Chester
Inspection number	10236493
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	3 to 3
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	3 February 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2014 and lives in Blacon, Chester. She operates all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lynn Richards

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder and the inspector had a learning walk together to discuss the childminder's intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector viewed feedback from parents and partner agencies about the provision.
- The inspector viewed some documentation, including public liability insurance and the childminder's paediatric first-aid certificate.

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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