

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 January 2020

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder provides a safe and secure environment indoors and outdoors. She has a well-planned playroom with a range of interesting, age-appropriate resources that are easily accessible and thoughtfully arranged. Through discussion, the childminder describes how she carries out observations of children's progress and plans adult-led activities with children's next steps of learning in mind.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to teach children about the world they live in and how to promote their understanding of diversity. She describes how she talks to the children about different countries and cultures, and extends their learning through multicultural craft activities, role-play resources and books. The childminder explains how she takes children on regular outings within the community, including nature walks, trips to the library and the museum.
- The childminder discusses how she supports children to learn about the natural world. She describes her aspirations to introduce an outside classroom in her garden to enhance the opportunities for children to explore and become curious learners. The childminder demonstrates she understands how to manage children's behaviour. She describes how she supports children to understand how their behaviour impacts on others.
- The childminder demonstrates that she understands the importance of building positive relationships with parents. She describes how she shares information with them on the care and support their child receives during the session. The childminder discusses how she keeps parents informed of children's achievements and shares their next steps to support learning at home.
- The childminder demonstrates she recognises the importance of her own professional development. She has a reflective attitude and evaluates what she does well and where she can improve. The childminder is proactive in building on her knowledge and skills through targeted training and wider reading to further improve learning outcomes for children.
- The childminder demonstrates she is clear of her responsibility to keep records, policies and procedures that are required for the safe and effective management of her childminding setting. These include the recording of accidents and risk assessments of her home and when taking children on outings.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of how to keep children safe from abuse and neglect. She demonstrates she has a clear understanding of wider safeguarding concerns and has completed mandatory training to ensure her knowledge is up to date. The childminder has comprehensive safeguarding policies in place and understands the protocol to follow in order to protect children's well-being.

There were no children 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 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	EY549872
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10133773
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	2 to 3
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2017 and lives in Caverswall, Stoke-on-Trent. She operates all year round from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays and bank holidays. The childminder provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children. She holds qualified teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Angela Hulme

Inspection activities

- The childminder and the inspector completed a learning walk, where the childminder talked about the different resources she provides and the activities she offers children.
- A sample of documentation was viewed, including training certificates, insurance and policies and procedures.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about children's development and learning, safeguarding and self evaluation.
- The inspector viewed areas used for childminding and assessed the suitability for childminding. This included the safety of the home, toys, resources and equipment available.

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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