

Childminder report

Inspection date:

18 June 2021

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder explains how she has improved her knowledge of the requirements of the early years foundation stage. She shares an example of how she kept her knowledge updated. During the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, while face-to-face training was paused, the childminder spoke with the local authority adviser for guidance, and she discussed ideas and initiatives with another local childminder. She explains how this helped her to identify areas for development and to improve weaker areas.
- The childminder ensures that the premises is safe and is suitable. She uses effective risk assessments to identify and to minimise hazards to children. She assesses any possible impact of handling the kitten, and she ensures that children who pet and stroke 'Billy', wash their hands afterwards. During COVID-19, the childminder introduced the use of hand sanitiser and more rigorous handwashing routines. She teaches children that they need to remove the germs from their hands. This helps to protect their health and well-being.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's development. She explains how she will identify what they can do and how she uses this assessment to identify what they need to learn next. She explains how she will observe children at play, assess their level of development and provide experiences to help children to make progress across all areas of learning.
- The childminder is aware of child protection procedures. She understands what may constitute a concern and how to report any concerns about children's welfare to appropriate agencies. This includes what to do in the event of an allegation being made against her or a family member.
- The childminder values the importance of partnership working. She explains the systems she uses, such as sharing photographs and videos with parents. She speaks to school teachers each day. This information sharing helps her to provide a consistent approach to support older children's care and education.
- The childminder knows how to provide an inclusive service. She explains that all children and families are welcome and that, if needed, she would make reasonable adaptations to ensure they can attend. The childminder understands how to help children to lead healthy lifestyles. She takes children out for daily fresh air and exercise in the well-equipped garden. She explains that outings, including bicycle rides at the park, have been even more beneficial during a time when access to space and fresh air has been even more important.

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	EY371366
Local authority	Stockport
Inspection number	10144432
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 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Date of previous inspection	9 January 2020

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2008 and lives in Stockport. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Layla Davies

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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how the childminder intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and to undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- Policies and procedures were discussed with the childminder. The inspector viewed some of the documentation that the childminder uses when caring for children.
- The childminder and the inspector had a tour of the premises, and they discussed the equipment and toys available.
- Written feedback obtained from the parents prior to the inspection was reviewed by the inspector.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder, and she took into consideration the suitability checks of the childminder and all household members.

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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