

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 September 2021

**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 discussed how she intends to provide a broad and varied curriculum, indoors and outdoors, which will help all children to make good progress. She describes how she will provide a range of exciting and challenging experiences for babies, young children and those preparing to move on to school. The childminder shares how she will identify possible gaps in children's learning and make referrals to other agencies and professionals.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She knows how to identify signs of potential abuse and what to do if she has concerns about children's safety. The childminder ensures her assistant is aware of the procedures to follow for identifying, recording and reporting abuse and has checked her suitability to work with children. The childminder discusses the procedures which she has developed specifically in relation to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.
- The childminder prioritises children's health and emotional well-being. She describes how she gathers information from families to help her get to know children and support them to settle in. The childminder talks about how she will promote children's positive behaviour and good oral health. She intends to teach children about the importance of brushing their teeth and choosing healthy snacks.
- The childminder shares how she accesses a range of professional development opportunities. In addition, she talks about how she will gather feedback from parents and children to help her reflect on her practice and make continual improvements. The childminder has maintained her first-aid qualification and regularly updates her policies to share with parents and her assistant.

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	EY556424
Local authority	Stockton-on-Tees
Inspection number	10174863
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	4 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	9
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2018 and lives in Yarm, North Yorkshire. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3 and occasionally uses an assistant. The childminder provides funded education places for three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Michelle Lorains

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 (coronavirus) 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 indoor and outdoor areas intended to be used by children.
- The inspector and childminder discussed the learning and development requirements within the early years foundation stage.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as suitability checks and training certificates.

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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