

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

5 April 2022

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

**This  
inspection**

**Not met (with actions)**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision does not meet requirements

- Although the childminder is able to demonstrate a basic awareness of possible indicators of abuse, she is not able to demonstrate a sufficient understanding of wider safeguarding issues, such as the 'Prevent' duty. She has not kept herself up to date about the local procedures to follow, should she be concerned that a child may be at risk of harm. This means she may not identify or respond to a child protection concern correctly to help keep children safe.
- The childminder discussed her understanding of the types of activities she can provide to support different aspects of children's development. She discussed how she recognises the importance of working closely with parents, and sharing information with other providers that also care for children. She has systems in place that enable her to monitor and assess children's progress, including completing a progress check when children are aged between two and three years.
- Through discussion, the childminder shows she understands appropriate ways to manage children's behaviour. She discussed how she helps children to learn how to share and take turns, so they develop respectful relationships. She spoke of giving children time and attention, to show she is interested in how they are feeling and providing props, such as pebbles with happy and sad faces on, to help children express their feelings. She states that, if necessary, she would talk to children at their own level to explain why their behaviour is not appropriate. She discussed adapting her approach depending on the children's age and understanding.
- The childminder discussed how she intends to provide opportunities for outdoor play in her garden. She states she will also take children to the park, to use more challenging equipment to support their health and physical development.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she understands how to carry out risk assessments on her home and for outings. She is able to identify potential risks to children and discussed the steps she will take to minimise these.
- The childminder told the inspector how she recognises the importance of forming strong bonds with the children, to help them settle well in her care. She discussed how she encourages children to have settling-in sessions. She states she will gain accurate information from parents about children's individual needs and routines, to help her provide consistent support.
- The childminder described a range of different activities, that she would provide to support children's communication and language skills and their physical development. She discussed how she will encourage children to be independent, such as when managing their personal care needs and keeping themselves healthy.

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.

## What does the setting need to do to improve?

**To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:**

	Due date
gain a greater understanding of wider safeguarding issues	13/05/2022
improve understanding of local safeguarding procedures, including the procedures to follow if you are concerned about a child's welfare.	13/05/2022

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY257459
<b>Local authority</b>	Somerset
<b>Inspection number</b>	10067700
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	0 to 0
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	30 June 2016

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in Somerton, Somerset. The childminder operates her service Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm, all year round.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Samantha Powis

### Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider has received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic on the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector looked at certificates held by the childminder, including evidence of paediatric first-aid training and insurance.
- The childminder demonstrated documents that she intends to use to gain information about children's individual needs, and to share information with parents.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about her understanding of safeguarding procedures, and how she intends to meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- The childminder spoke with the inspector about her intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder showed the inspector her premises and discussed how she will ensure they are safe and suitable for children.

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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