

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

12 May 2022

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Requires improvement

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has taken decisive action since the previous inspection to ensure that children in her care are provided with quality teaching that gives them sufficient challenge. She plans well-considered learning activities to help children develop a deep early understanding of mathematical concepts relating to shape and number. She gives children even greater support relating to their social and emotional development due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This involves speaking to children about their emotions and helping them develop strategies to self-regulate how they are feeling. She instils the importance of sharing and turn taking as well as general house rules.
- Supporting children's communication and language is a strength of the childminder. She helps children develop a rich and varied vocabulary by making reading a focus. She has a wealth of resources in this area to appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. Her speech is consistently well modelled, which lends itself positively to aiding children's developing speech and communication. Parents, and leaders of other settings children attend, speak highly of the progress children make in their language development due to the childminder. They comment that children's confidence to communicate blossoms as a result of the teaching they receive.
- The childminder has strengthened her procedures for when children first start in her care. She explains that she always ensures that a high level of detail is obtained from parents about what children know and can do from the outset. She uses this to assess children soon after starting in her care, to enable her to accurately plan for their next steps.
- Supporting children's good health is a focus for the childminder. She provides children with lots of opportunities for outdoor play in the garden or at the local park. Children develop their balance and coordination and learn to take risks as they negotiate playground equipment. The childminder provides children with a range of healthy and nutritious home-cooked meals, which helps reinforce learning about healthy lifestyles.
- The childminder has maintained her strong knowledge of safeguarding matters. She understands exactly what to do if she is concerned about a child or if an allegation is made against her or another household member. She has a detailed knowledge of the indicators of abuse. More recent training has ensured that the childminder has an in-depth knowledge of other safeguarding matters, such as female genital mutilation and radicalisation. She ensures that children are taught about people that are different to themselves in order to develop mutual respect and tolerance. The childminder is rigorous in the risk assessment of her home environment. This ensures that the premises are secure and that children are not exposed to any undue risk while in her care.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	315459
<b>Local authority</b>	Bolton
<b>Inspection number</b>	10151408
<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>	6 to 9
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	3
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	12 March 2020

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1995 and lives in Bolton. 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

Richard Sutcliffe

### Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- Discussions were held with the childminder throughout the inspection.
- The inspector considered the changes made by the childminder to address the actions from the previous inspection.
- Parents shared their views of the setting with the inspector, in writing.

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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