

Childminder report

Inspection date:

23 August 2022

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Met

Previous inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- This childminder has a nurturing, homely manner. She has a wealth of experience in caring for children under five years old. Her house is bright and welcoming.
- The childminder has a sound knowledge of how young children learn and she knows how to plan appropriate activities, which take into account children's ages, abilities and interests.
- The childminder intends to work in partnership with parents, to achieve the best outcomes for children. She plans to provide daily verbal feedback as well as regular text messages. The childminder gathers information about children's care and learning when they join her; to help them to feel safe and settled.
- The childminder is passionate about helping children to develop their communication and language skills. She plans to include books, stories, nursery rhymes and lots of talking as part of her curriculum.
- The childminder recognises the importance of supporting children's emotional health and well-being. She sets clear boundaries and house rules. The childminder will use positive behaviour management strategies, such as rewards for achievements, to help children to regulate their behaviour. The childminder has set up the environment to include spaces where the children can be quiet and relax, should they need it.
- The childminder has a wonderful outdoor space, with opportunities for children to experience growing fruit and vegetables, and to explore the pond with its fish and frogs. The childminder plans to make maximum use of this area; to include den building on the wooden decking, and playing with the frisbees, balls and skipping ropes on the grass. The childminder recognises the importance of children spending plenty of time outdoors to promote their physical development.
- The childminder understands her duty to keep children safe. Her house and garden, including the children's toys and resources, are clean, tidy and free from hazards. The childminder intends to complete regular risk assessments to ensure that this is maintained.
- The childminder is aware of her responsibility to protect children. She recognises the possible signs and symptoms which could indicate that a child is in danger of harm, and she understands local procedures to report any concerns. The childminder works with the local authority to refresh her safeguarding knowledge. The childminder holds an up-to-date paediatric first-aid certificate.

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

Unique reference number	255329
Local authority	Walsall
Inspection number	10115977
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	2 to 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	14 June 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder was registered in 1992. She lives in the Great Barr area of Walsall. The childminder operates from 7.30am until 9am and 3pm until 6pm, five days a week, term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Denise Daley

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 took that into account in the evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector toured the premises, indoors and outdoors. She looked at the toys and resources to assess their quality.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about the early years curriculum and children's learning; to determine the childminder's understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- The inspector scrutinised relevant documentation; to determine the suitability of the childminder.

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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