

Childminder report

Inspection date:

31 October 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands her responsibility to keep children safe. She ensures any essential training, such as paediatric first aid and safeguarding, are kept up to date. The childminder is aware of the signs that may indicate a child is at risk of harm and knows how to report concerns, including who to contact locally. She has identified strengths in her practice and knows what she wants to do to improve outcomes for children. For example, she is focusing on enriching her professional knowledge of the 'Prevent' duty.
- The childminder demonstrates how she provides a secure environment. She has policies and procedures in place to keep children safe. The childminder explains how children are taught to keep themselves safe and manage their own risks, for example they know to look both ways when crossing the road.
- The childminder has a good understanding of how children develop and learn. When children start, the childminder gathers information from parents about children's routines, interests and what they can do. She explains how this information is used to help children to settle in and helps her to provide activities that meet the needs of individual children. The childminder talks about assessing children's development levels and how she identifies what children will need to learn next. She has effective methods in place to share this information with parents and carers.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to meet children's individual care needs. She explains how medical needs and allergies are managed. The childminder discusses how children learn about the importance of healthy lifestyles and good hygiene practices. Children have access to fresh drinking water and are provided with healthy snacks. They are also offered plenty of opportunities to explore and extend their physical skills.
- The childminder talks about her approach to promoting positive behaviour. Children are given clear explanations about expected behaviour. The childminder explains how children are helped to manage their own feelings and behaviour in positive ways. She teaches children about respect for others in a variety of ways, for example older children are encouraged to consider the feelings of others.

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	223755
Local authority	Shropshire
Inspection number	10234380
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	6 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	30 March 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1992 and lives in Baschurch in Shropshire. She operates her service all year round from 7.15am to 6pm on Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sarah Dukes

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.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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