

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 February 2023

**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 has a very good understanding of safeguarding. She understands her role and responsibility in ensuring that children are kept safe and protected. The childminder is proactive in accessing training and briefings linked to all aspects of safeguarding, including issues such as county lines. She demonstrates how she will maintain a safe and secure environment for all children while allowing children to take risks in their play.
- The childminder describes how she will promote children's physical development and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. She explains how she will provide children with nutritious snacks. The childminder describes how she will provide a wealth of opportunities for children to enjoy fresh air and exercise in her garden and in the wider environment.
- The childminder understands how to support children's learning and development. She explains how she has procedures to monitor children's progress and identify any gaps in their learning. The childminder knows how to plan an exciting range of age-appropriate play opportunities to inspire and challenge children.
- The childminder places a great importance on supporting children's emotional health and well-being. She understands how to support children to form secure attachments and relationships with adults and peers. The childminder knows how to develop children's confidence and self-esteem. She understands how to manage children's behaviour extremely well.
- The childminder confidently discusses her understanding of the importance of working with parents, carers and other professionals. She is clear about sharing information with parents on a regular basis. Parents comment that the childminder is like extended family and their children are in the safest care.
- The childminder recognises the significance of providing an inclusive service. She knows how to support children's positive awareness of people's differences. The childminder is keen to encourage children to develop respect for all living things and their environment.
- The childminder reflects on her childminding provision. She ensures that she accesses various courses that are pertinent to the children in her care. The childminder ensures that she is fully up to date with the latest information on childcare practice. She explains how she uses this training for the benefit of children.

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	2609015
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10265203
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 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2020 and lives in Shotley Bridge. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 pandemic. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder and the inspector carried out a learning walk. They discussed the learning environment and how the curriculum will be organised.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder her knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- The inspector held a meeting with the childminder. She looked at relevant documentation, such as records, policies and evidence of the suitability of household members. They discussed her understanding of safeguarding procedures.

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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