

Childminder report

Inspection date:

10 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a sound knowledge and understanding of how to promote all areas of children's development. She understands and explains the importance of taking children's interests into account when planning activities. The childminder describes the activities that she will plan for children of all ages to help to engage them in purposeful learning. She has a good range of toys and resources for children to independently access.
- The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding. She can describe the signs and symptoms that may indicate a child is at risk of harm. The childminder can discuss the signs that might indicate a child is at risk of radicalisation and county lines. She understands the importance of online safety. The childminder knows how to refer any concerns swiftly to the relevant agencies.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of promoting children's healthy lifestyles. She describes how she will provide healthy meals, snacks and drinks. The childminder explains how she will work closely with parents to ensure that they provide a balanced diet in their children's packed lunches. She also explains how she will provide daily opportunities for children to have fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder describes how she will promote children's positive behaviour and use age-appropriate techniques. She describes how she will encourage children to be kind and learn to have respect for one another. For example, the childminder will encourage children to use good manners.
- The childminder understands the importance of positive working relationships with parents and other early years providers. She explains that she would share information about children's learning and development regularly. The childminder discusses how this will help to ensure continuity of care, learning and development for children.
- The childminder understands the importance of maintaining her ongoing professional development. She liaises with other professionals, such as other childminders and the local authority. The childminder carries out independent reading and research to help to keep her knowledge and skills up to date.

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	313451
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	10263982
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	8 to 13
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	18 May 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1992 and lives in Peterlee, County Durham. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Julie Campbell

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder 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 inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare, and learning and development.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home used for childminding. She talked with the childminder about the resources and equipment she will use when caring for children and viewed some of these.
- 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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