

Childminder report

Inspection date:

22 February 2023

The quality and standards of early years provision

This inspection

Not met (with actions)

Previous inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder has failed to maintain a valid first-aid qualification. This has now been expired for a few months. This does not ensure that she has the most up-to-date information to protect children in the event of an accident. However, the childminder is booked onto a paediatric first-aid course in the very near future.
- The childminder has failed to notify Ofsted of a significant event that may have temporarily affected her suitability to work with children. This is a legal requirement.
- The childminder's premises are safe, warm and inviting. Children can enjoy a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities in the childminder's well-maintained home and garden.
- The childminder demonstrates a sufficient understanding of the early years foundation stage requirements. She is clear about how she will assess children's starting points when they first start with her. She understands the importance of closely monitoring children's development in order to identify areas where they may need extra support. She discusses how she uses children's interests to promote their development, so that they remain engaged in their learning.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of safeguarding and the importance of being alert to any changes that may indicate a child is at risk of harm. She understands when to report concerns and who to. The childminder has completed training, so that she understands wider safeguarding issues such as the 'Prevent' duty and female genital mutilation. The childminder places children's safety at the heart of all she does.
- The childminder understands the importance of working very closely with parents to ensure she always meets children's individual needs. Parents of older children the childminder cares for speak extremely highly of the provision. For example, they comment that the childminder 'fosters an environment of warmth and love' and that she is 'absolutely amazing'. They say they 'trust her implicitly' and that she is 'an important figure in my child's life and we'd be lost without her'. Children comment that the childminder is 'someone that really takes such good care of us' and 'she joins in with activities and helps us'.
- The childminder understands the importance of providing an inclusive provision where all children are welcomed into the 'family' she creates. She discusses that she teaches children the importance of being kind, tolerant and respectful to everyone. The childminder demonstrates that she has high expectations for children's behaviour.
- The childminder demonstrates an understanding of the need to evaluate the provision she provides. She discusses how she takes account of any feedback from parents and children, in order to continually provide what they need.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
obtain and maintain a valid paediatric first-aid qualification	31/03/2023
improve knowledge and understanding of significant events that are notifiable to Ofsted where they are likely to affect the suitability of the early years provider or any person who cares for, or is in regular contact with, children on the premises to look after children.	31/03/2023

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY444299
Local authority	Peterborough
Inspection number	10276557
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	9
Date of previous inspection	20 July 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives just outside of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. She operates before school from 7am until 9am and then after school from 3.15pm until 6.15pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder operates during school holidays by arrangement.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Anna Davies

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation.
- 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 resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents used by the childminder when caring for children.

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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