

Childminder report

Inspection date:

1 March 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a secure understanding of how to safeguard and protect children. She is aware of the possible signs of abuse and understands how to report concerns to the relevant agencies. The childminder regularly risk assesses all areas used by children to help keep them safe. She has a valid paediatric first-aid certificate and knows how to respond in medical emergencies.
- The childminder understands how to provide a suitable curriculum and learning opportunities for children when they attend. She understands how to monitor children's development, and plan for their individual needs and interests. The childminder understands the importance of communication, language, and literacy. She has strategies in place to swiftly assess children's abilities in this area of learning. The childminder intends to help children learn to talk confidently, and to develop new vocabulary.
- The childminder can describe appropriate strategies to manage children's behaviour. She knows how to help children to develop respect for each other, form strong relationships and learn to share. She understands how to help children to develop their confidence and independence in preparation for their eventual move on to school.
- The childminder understands how to work in partnership with parents and other professionals to promote the best outcomes for children.
- The childminder knows how to help children learn about healthy lifestyles. She understands how to provide children with nutritious and balanced food choices and the benefits of providing daily opportunities for them to gain fresh air and exercise outdoors.
- The childminder evaluates her provision using the views of parents and older children, and she has systems in place to check younger children's progress. She has a good understanding of her strengths and where she can make improvements.

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	305855
Local authority	Stockton-on-Tees
Inspection number	10265179
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 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	26 May 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1996. She lives in the Norton area of Stockton-on-Tees. The childminder operates her provision during term time, from 8am to 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Janet Fairhurst

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 viewed the areas of the premises that are used for childminding and the resources that the childminder provides.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children in her care.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including the childminder's insurance, and current paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will safeguard children.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she plans to continue to evaluate her provision and attend training to build on her knowledge and skills.

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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