

Childminder report

Inspection date:

15 March 2023

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

**This
inspection**

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Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder talks confidently about the signs and symptoms of abuse. Her safeguarding policy outlines the procedures she would follow should she have concerns about a child and their welfare.
- The childminder ensures that her paediatric first-aid training is renewed when required and maintains her public liability insurance. She is aware of the importance of documenting accidents, injuries and any medications administered.
- The childminder explains how she teaches children to keep themselves safe. For example, she talks about teaching children to cross roads safely. The childminder has robust risk assessments in place for her home, garden and places she visits with children.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of child development. She discusses how activities follow children's interests and extend what children already know and can do. The childminder knows to observe and assess children to enable them to make progress in their learning.
- The childminder knows her statutory responsibility to complete a progress check for all children between the ages of two and three years.
- The childminder describes how she places a priority on supporting children's communication development. She demonstrates a secure understanding of extending children's vocabulary through planning activities to include singing, rhymes and sharing books.
- The childminder discusses the importance of teaching children to keep themselves healthy and develop their self-care skills. She describes how she ensures that children wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. The childminder explains she prevents cross-infection through the use of paper towels.
- The childminder places an importance on enabling children to be ready for the next phase of their learning at nursery or school. She talks of how she encourages children to develop their independence skills. For example, the childminder describes how she gives children time to fasten their own coats and praise as they tie shoelaces.
- The childminder discusses how she helps children to learn how to behave. She describes how she explains the rules in her setting to children. The childminder explains she gives children the reasons why not to do something, such as not to run inside because of a tripping hazard.

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	311796
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10276124
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	3 July 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1989 and lives in Low Fell, Gateshead. She operates during term time from 7am to 9am and 3.15pm to 5.45pm, Tuesday to Thursday.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Denise Charge

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 her evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector had discussions with the childminder about how to safeguard children and how to promote their learning and development.
- The childminder provided all necessary documentation and discussed this with the inspector.
- The suitability of the childminder to work with children was checked.

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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