

Childminder report

Inspection date:

21 June 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands how to provide an appropriate curriculum. She talks about the activities that she will provide for children. She explains how she will promote children's learning. For instance, she will find out about what they know and can do, and their interests when they first start with her, and continue to monitor their progress.
- The childminder describes how she will support children to develop their communication and language skills. She explains how she will use books, stories, songs, rhymes and conversations with children to introduce and embed new language.
- The childminder understands how to reflect on the quality of her practice to identify areas for further development. She recognises the need to continue to develop her skills and knowledge.
- The childminder keeps her paediatric first-aid training up to date. She is clear on her role and responsibilities in keeping children safe from harm. The childminder has a secure knowledge of local safeguarding concerns which may affect children. She is confident in monitoring, recording and reporting concerns. The childminder keeps her home safe and will risk assess outings, ensuring children are safe by continually checking for hazards.
- The childminder understands the importance of developing close partnerships with parents and other professionals. She describes how she will share information with parents about the progress their children make. She discusses that she will provide home learning activities to help children maintain consistency in their care and learning.
- The childminder understands how to promote positive behaviour. She is able to describe strategies she will use to deal with more challenging behaviour. She explains that she will be respectful, and caring towards children and help them to learn to share and be kind to their friends.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting children's physical development and a healthy lifestyle, and supporting their growing independence. Through discussion, she demonstrates how she intends to provide daily opportunities for children to play in the garden and visit local parks to enjoy fresh air and exercise.

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	311799
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10288871
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 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	3 November 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2000 and lives in Gateshead. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except 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 began. 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 would 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 the self-evaluation 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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