

Childminder report

Inspection date:

26 July 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Following the last inspection, the childminder informed Ofsted of a new household member. She provided the required information, so that Ofsted could commence the suitability checking process. The childminder understands the requirement to notify Ofsted of any further changes to household members.
- The childminder renews her safeguarding training regularly to keep her knowledge refreshed. She knows how to identify and report any child protection concerns and keeps information on how to contact other agencies readily available. She has suitable ways to assess and minimise any risks to children indoors, outdoors and on outings.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to promote children's good health and physical development. She ensures that no smoking takes place on the premises. She plans meals carefully to include a varied range of food for children to try and to meet their dietary requirements. There are many opportunities for children to be physically active in their play.
- The childminder works closely with parents, exchanging information using social media and a daily diary. She provides parents with regular assessments of their child's development, which includes a detailed written summary of their progress at age two. She works closely with other professionals to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She is clearly committed to her professional development. She builds on her qualification and prior knowledge in a range of ways. She purposefully sources training and makes good use of what she learns to benefit children. For example, she has a range of strategies to promote children's communication and language.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of suitable ways to help children to manage their feelings and behaviour and develop confidence. She provides activities to help support children's awareness of a range of cultures and faiths. For example, children try using chopsticks in a restaurant while learning about Chinese New Year.
- A range of outings and activities support children's understanding of the world. For example, children find out facts about the different countries taking part in the Women's World Cup football competition. Regular visits to a wetland centre and a garden centre help children to learn about wildlife and nature. In the garden, they grow plants that they have bought and place some in pots they have decorated, for instance, as gifts for Mother's Day.

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	EY339637
Local authority	Wigan
Inspection number	10292982
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	1 to 5
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	31 March 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2006 and lives in Appley Bridge, Wigan. She operates from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, all year, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 5.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lynne Naylor

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector had a tour of the childminder's home to gain an understanding of how the early years provision and the curriculum are organised.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she keeps children safe and follows safeguarding procedures.
- The inspector looked at a sample of documentation, including evidence of the suitability of household members and the childminder's training.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about how she evaluates her practice and takes account of the views of parents and 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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