

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

28 March 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Not met (with actions)**

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Previous  
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

## Summary of key findings

### This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder has not taken all reasonable steps to ensure children's safety. At the time of the inspection, the childminder's front door was left unlocked, and answered by a child. This poses a risk of unauthorised visitors entering the premises or children leaving the premises unattended.
- The childminder's home is not organised effectively, specifically the kitchen. She has not considered the potential trip hazards, and children's inability to move around freely and safely.
- The childminder is aware of the signs, symptoms and indicators of abuse. She knows the local authority referral procedures and understands the correct steps to take if there is an allegation of abuse.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the early years foundation stage learning and development requirements. She discusses how she plans suitable activities for children based on the assessments she makes of their development.
- The childminder discusses how she will use suitable 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 realises the importance of establishing positive relationships with children, to support their personal, social and emotional development. She knows how to teach children to be kind and respectful, and to get along with each other.
- The childminder understands the benefits of working with parents and other providers, to ensure she meets children's individual needs and to provide a consistent approach to their learning.

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:**

	<b>Due date</b>
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take all reasonable steps to ensure that children do not leave the premises unsupervised and unauthorised visitors are unable to enter the setting unattended	29/03/2023
ensure the environment is organised effectively and free from trip hazards, to enable children to move around freely and safely.	29/03/2023

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY439908
<b>Local authority</b>	Durham
<b>Inspection number</b>	10284142
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	6 to 10
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	5
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 November 2022

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in the Bowburn area of Durham. Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 6.30am to 6pm all year round. The childminder is closed on bank holidays and for family holidays. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 2.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Janet Fairhurst

### Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued 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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