

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

20 December 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Met

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder discusses how she will use her observations of children to recognise what they already know and can do. She explains how she will use this information to plan a curriculum to enable children to develop the skills and abilities which they need to learn next.
- The childminder understands the importance of teaching children about leading a healthy lifestyle. She discusses how she will provide nutritious breakfasts and snacks that follow individual children's dietary needs. The childminder talks about how she will make use of the local parks and woodland areas, to offer children a wide variety of opportunities to develop their physical skills and learn about the natural world.
- The childminder knows how to develop children's self-care skills and independence. She describes how she will teach children to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. The childminder discusses how she will develop children's independence skills, for example, through children learning to put on their own coats and shoes.
- The childminder can recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and understands where to report any concerns she might have about a child. She knows who to contact should there be an allegation made against herself or a member of her family. The childminder keeps an accurate register of children's attendance.
- The childminder ensures that her paediatric first-aid training is renewed when required and maintains her public liability insurance. She recognises her responsibility to document any accidents and injuries and any medication administered.
- The childminder discusses how she will teach children to keep themselves safe. For example, she talks about ensuring that children learn to cut grapes into smaller pieces to prevent choking.
- The childminder talks of how she will promote children's communication and language development. She demonstrates a secure understanding of extending children's vocabulary through activities, including singing, rhymes and sharing books.
- The childminder understands her statutory responsibility to complete a progress check for children when they are aged between two and three years.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY232873
<b>Local authority</b>	Stockton-on-Tees
<b>Inspection number</b>	10311745
<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>	7 to 9
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	2
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	9 April 2018

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2002 and lives in Billingham. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate childcare qualification at level 2.

## 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 inspector checked evidence of the suitability of the childminder to work with 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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