

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

25 January 2024

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Outstanding

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first. The environment is safe and secure and risk assessments are effective in minimising risks to children. The childminder completes regular training to keep her knowledge and skills current; this includes safeguarding training. She understands the possible indicators of abuse and how to refer any concerns to the relevant authorities to ensure children and families get the support they need.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. She explains how she plans activities that help children to develop core skills, such as sharing, turn-taking and building positive relationships with others. She describes how she encourages children to cooperate on tasks and learn the importance of being kind and considerate to others.
- The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle through healthy eating, being physically active and spending time outdoors in the fresh air.
- The childminder has good systems in place to develop strong partnerships with parents and carers. Daily communication and newsletters ensure parents are kept well informed and updated about what is going on in the setting. She gathers all relevant information to help children settle and to provide continuity of care.
- The childminder values children's input and actively seeks their views as part of her approach to self-evaluation. This helps to shape her provision and ensure that children continually benefit from a quality provision that sparks their interest.

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>	EY441871
<b>Local authority</b>	Calderdale
<b>Inspection number</b>	10305201
<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>	5 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	20
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	14 February 2018

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in Brighouse, West Yorkshire. She provides before- and after-school care from Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays, from 7.20am until 8.20am and from 3.15pm until 6pm. The childminder holds a level 3 qualification in early years and education, a level 4 qualification in children's care, learning and development, and a qualification at level 5 in management.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Annette Stanger

## Inspection activities

- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures that it is safe and suitable.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises her early years provision.
- The inspector communicated with the older children that were present at the inspection and they talked about how they spend their time and what they enjoy doing while with the childminder.
- The inspector sought feedback from parents to get their views of the setting.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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