

Childminder report

Inspection date:

15 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has taken positive steps to address the action raised at her last inspection. She has completed a paediatric first aid training course. This ensures that the childminder has appropriate knowledge and understanding of first aid procedures and can support children's health and safety.
- The childminder understands her responsibility to protect children from harm. She knows the procedures she would follow if she had significant concerns for a child's safety and welfare and the appropriate agencies to contact. That said, the childminder is keen to undertake further online training courses to keep her knowledge of safeguarding and child protection up to date.
- The childminder demonstrates she has a good understanding of how children learn through play activities and daily routines. The childminder recognises how important it is for young children to develop good communication and language skills. She describes how she would support these skills through quality interactions, stories and songs. She understands how activities, such as painting and play dough, help to encourage children's creativity and physical skills.
- The childminder understands the importance of developing positive relationships with parents. She talks to parents before children start to develop an understanding of their care needs, routines and individual abilities. She shares her documentation with parents so they are able to develop a good understanding of what the childminder offers and how she supports children's learning and development.
- The childminder explains the activities she provides for children away from the home to broaden their learning experiences. For example, there are many parks and playgrounds nearby to provide children with opportunities to engage in physical activities such as climbing, balancing, jumping and running. The childminder describes how visits to local pre-school groups help to further develop children's social skills and relationships.
- The premises are safe and suitable for childcare. The childminder explains how she assesses risk and minimises potential hazards within the home. For example, she has fitted safety locks in her kitchen so children cannot access harmful cleaning substances. The gate in the rear garden is kept locked so when children are playing outside they cannot leave the area unsupervised.
- The childminder understands the skills children need to develop to be ready for school. She describes how she supports children's independence skills by encouraging them to make choices about their play and learning. The childminder understands that consistent routines help children to feel settled and secure.
- The childminder explains appropriate ways to support and manage children's behaviour. She talks to children about expectations for their behaviour and ensures children are closely supervised. The childminder understands the importance of being a good role model for children and providing them with sensitive support and guidance when needed.

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	2604859
Local authority	West Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10305798
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	6 April 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2020 and lives in the Grange Park area of Northampton. She operates all year round from 7am until 3.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder offers overnight care for children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kate Scheel

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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure it is safe and suitable.
- The inspector reviewed documents, such as evidence of training and insurance certificates.
- The inspector asked the childminder questions to check her understanding of the statutory framework for the early years foundation stage.
- The childminder told the inspector about how she evaluates her practice and the steps she had taken to meet the action from the last inspection.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.

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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