

Childminder report

Inspection date:

6 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has an excellent knowledge of how to safeguard children. She knows how to identify the signs of possible harm to a child and how to report any concerns to the appropriate local agencies. The childminder demonstrates a strong ability to risk assess her home, activities and outings to help to keep children safe.
- The childminder understands how to support children very well in all areas of learning. She discusses how she will provide a well-planned curriculum and explains how she will guide activities for children. The childminder understands how to help children of different backgrounds, abilities and ages to be ready for their next stage in learning, including school.
- The childminder understands the importance of developing positive relationships with parents. She plans to collect information from them about their children's care and learning when they first start. The childminder explains she will regularly update parents about their child's progress so they can continue to support their child's learning at home. She understands the requirement to work with other professionals and other settings children which attend, when required.
- The childminder recognises the importance of promoting children's personal development, so they learn to behave well and respect others. She explains that she will be a positive role model at all times and will teach children to take turns, share the resources and care for others. The childminder demonstrates how she will nurture children's self-confidence, independence and social skills.
- The childminder understands how to help children to develop a healthy lifestyle. For instance, she plans to provide nutritious meals and daily opportunities for children to access her garden and local parks. The childminder plans to help children to learn to manage personal care tasks for themselves, such as washing their hands and using the toilet independently.
- This very experienced childminder understands the requirements and explains the documents and records that she needs to support the running of her childminding setting.
- The childminder understands the need to maintain her professional development to support children's development. She understands the importance of evaluating her setting regularly to drive improvement.

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	311594
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	10312319
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	6 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	26 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1989 and lives in Lobley Hill, Gateshead. The childminder cares for children from 7am to 6pm, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for 47 weeks of the year. The childminder can offer funding for children aged two, three and four years old.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jan Harvey

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 their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder walked the inspector around her home to understand how the early years setting and the curriculum will be organised.
- The inspector looked at policies, certificates and documents the childminder will use when minding children.
- The inspector discussed what improvements the childminder has made since her last inspection, including how the recommendation set then has been addressed.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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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