

Quality Appraisal Inspection Report

Childminder Early Educator
 Inspection publication date
 Previous inspection date

Flora Wilkins
 8th October 2019
 N/A

The quality and standards of childminder's care and education	This inspection	Met
	Previous inspection	Good
Organisation, welfare and leadership		Met
Teaching, learning and development		Met
The promotion of children's well-being		Met
Early Years Foundation Stage requirements including safeguarding and child protection.		Met

Summary of key findings for parents:

This childminder early educator has met the requirements because of the following:

- Toys are stored appropriately to allow children to independently select their own play items.
- Children have access to a large enclosed garden which provides children regular exercise and fresh air.
- Policies and procedures are in place and are shared with parents at the enrolment stage.
- Systems are in place to monitor children's learning and development.
- Risk assessments are in place and are regularly reviewed.
- Safeguarding knowledge is good. Flora understands the signs of abuse and the referral procedures for her area. She has all required forms to document any safeguarding concerns.

About the Quality Appraisal Inspection visit

The inspecting SAM: **Kay-Louise Ley**

The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from the following:

- Inspection of the premises where childcare is to be provided
- Checking the evidence of suitability of the childminder and other household members
- Checking the childminder's qualifications and training
- Inspection of the toys, books, resources and equipment the childminder intends to use
- Reviewing policies and other relevant documentation
- Discussions with the childminder about her knowledge of safeguarding and the learning and development of requirements
- Collecting the views of parents from surveys, the childminder's own questionnaires
- Discussing the childminder's self-evaluation and plans for improvement

There were no children present when this inspection took place. This means 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.

Inspection findings

Organisation, welfare and leadership

The childminder has a designated playroom where resources are within children's reach. This enables children to independently select their own resources, thus supporting them to make decisions and have their own ideas about their choice of play resources. Plans are in place to support partnerships with parents daily, ensuring parents are fully informed of their child's time with the childminder.

Flora has a good understanding of her roles and responsibilities in terms of Safeguarding. Policies and procedures are followed, thus ensuring children are safe and secure in her care.

Teaching, learning and development

The childminder has good knowledge of the EYFS learning and development requirements. She has some tools for logging children's learning and development, although this is still in development. Flora has a range of resources suitable for both young children and older children and are regularly rotated to provide variety. Children have access to a large enclosed garden which is used to extend learning and, during warmer weather, children often eat meals and snacks outside.

The promotion of children's well-being

Parental feedback is positive. Parents are happy with the care they receive and would recommend the educator. Flora tailors settling in sessions to meet the individual needs of the families, thus supporting parents to feel at ease with the new transition for them and their children. Flora has strong techniques for managing behaviour and ensures parents are involved in the process. This supports parents and provides consistency across both home and the setting.

Childminder early educator's setting details

Regulatory body	@Home Childcare Childminder Agency CA000017
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Childminder's unique reference number	HCEY00119
Inspection visit date	20 th September 2019
Previous inspection date	N/A (2018 inspection was with a previous childminder agency)
Local Authority	Swindon
Age range of children	0 – 17

The childminder was registered in 2017 and lives in Swindon. She has an appropriate qualification at level 6. The childminder is open from 8 to 6pm, 5 days a week all year round. She provides funded early education for 2, 3 and 4-year-old children.

More Information about the Quality Appraisal Inspection visit

The Quality Appraisal Inspection visit was conducted by a Support, Advice and Mentor (SAM) from @Home Childcare Childminder Agency in line with A guide for Childminder Agencies⁽¹⁾. The SAM reviewed all aspects of the childminder's setting to ensure they were meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework⁽²⁾. The quality of the childminder's practice was assessed using aspects of the agency's own evaluation schedule with reference to the Environment Rating Scales⁽³⁾ and Ofsted's Inspection Evaluation Schedule.⁽⁴⁾

(1) *A guide for childminder agencies (July 2016) Department for Education*

(2) *Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (April 2017) Department for Education*

(3) *Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (Harms, Cryer and Clifford); Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (Harms, Cryer and Clifford); ECERS –E (Curricular Extension) (Sylva, Siraj-Blatchford and Taggart); Assessing quality in early childhood education and care, Sustained Shared Thinking and Emotional Well-being Scale (Siraj, Kingston and Melhuish)*

(4) *Early Years Inspection Handbook (April 2018) Ofsted*⁽⁴⁾.