

Quality Appraisal Inspection Report

Childminder Early Educator
 Inspection publication date
 Previous inspection date

Helen Haynes
 13th May 2019
 28th June 2018

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:

- Helen has created an environment that is safe, secure and stimulating. She has thought and effort in organising the space where children play. She provides resources of good quality which supports children's learning. Her setting is a true home from home experience for families.
- Helen understands the categories of abuse and the signs that would transpire if abuse is suspected. She is able to discuss her safeguarding policy and procedures and feels capable of reporting concerns or disclosures, should the need arise.
- Helen is very organised with her files and development folders. Her policies are clear, and she has a good system in place to share them with parents. She works closely with other settings that children attend. They share information about children's development, including next steps. This provides consistency of learning for the children and they make rapid progress.
- The educator promotes values in her setting such as kindness and sharing.
- Her provision is equipped with a wide range of educational resources to support children's learning and development.

About the Quality Appraisal Inspection visit

The inspecting SAM: **Nadia Duffus**

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 educator has ensured that she is meeting all the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a good understanding of risk assessment to keep children safe. Helen is aware of the importance of safeguarding and her responsibility to keep children safe at all times.

Teaching, learning and development

- The educator has strong knowledge of the learning and development requirements. She considers the individual needs of the children and their stages of development. She works very closely with schools and communicates with the teachers regarding the children's strengths and gaps development. She uses her teaching skills to enhance children's knowledge in line with their targets at school. Teachers comment on the positive impact Helen's help has on the children's progress.

The promotion of children's well-being

- Helen understands the importance of positive relationships and the impact they have on children's well-being. She has a good settling in system in place and forms good partnerships with parents.

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	HCEY00025
Inspection visit date	13 th May 2019
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Local Authority	Sheffield
Age range of children	0 – 17

Helen was registered in 2016 and lives in Frecheville, Sheffield. She operates 5 days a week all year round except family holidays and bank holidays.

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⁾.*