

Quality Appraisal Inspection Report

Childminder Early Educator
 Inspection visit date
 Previous inspection date

Lorraine Dube
 13th March 2020
 N/A

The quality and standards of the childminder's care and education	This inspection	Met
	Previous inspection	NA
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 displayed within children's reach to enable them to independently select their own play items. This supports children's independence and decision-making skills.
- Lorraine has risk assessed her setting well. She is aware of the risks and has appropriate plans in place to minimise.
- Tracking children's progress tools are in place to monitor children's progress. This will enable Lorraine to support children to extend their learning further.
- Children have access to a large outdoor play area. This will support children to understand about living healthy lifestyles.

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

Lorraine has created a warm and inviting play space for children. Toys are easily accessible for the children, therefore supporting their independence and decision-making skills. Policies and procedures are in place and are organised well to ensure these can quickly be shared with parents. Lorraine has good knowledge of the key signs of abuse and understands the referral procedures for her local area. Children will be kept safe in her care.

Teaching, learning and development

Lorraine has template documents to monitor children's learning and development. She understands how to use them and the importance of monitoring children's progress to quickly close any gaps in knowledge. Lorraine has obtained some toys she feels the children will enjoy exploring and has plans to develop these once she has children on roll.

The promotion of children's well-being

Lorraine has a large outdoor play space for children to play. She understands the importance of children experiencing regular outdoor play to promote healthy lifestyles. Lorraine has good plans to support children to develop their confidence and self-esteem, for example, she confidently describes how she will support and encourage children to try to achieve things for themselves. Lorraine plans to support children to understand about similarities and differences between us by exploring cultural events and sharing stories and activities around similarities and differences.

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	HCEY00080
Inspection visit date	13/03/2020
Previous inspection date	NA
Local Authority	Nottingham City
Age range of children	0 – 17

Lorraine was registered in 2019 and lives in Nottingham City. The childminder is open from 6am to 8pm, 5 days a week all year round. For the past year, she has worked in a different setting, alongside another childminder for some of the time.

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⁾.*