

Inspection of Nixon, Louise

47 Daurada Drive, Stafford ST17 4XW

Inspection date:

8 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

This provision meets requirements

The childminder provides a welcoming, positive and stimulating environment for children. This helps them to display high levels of engagement and concentration as they play. The childminder is very nurturing and caring in her approach towards children. This helps them to feel safe and secure. Children are extremely settled. They leave their parents at the door with huge smiles on their faces and excitedly enter the setting. Children enjoy music activities. They have fun using a range of different musical instruments, such as drums, keyboards and tambourines to make different beats and rhythms.

The childminder gives children lots of space and freedom to lead and direct their own play. This works well. Children enjoy mark making and printing activities. They also enjoy singing well-known rhymes. Children join in with words and actions from familiar songs. The childminder has sound knowledge of how to manage children's behaviour. She praises children for their positive behaviours and softly reminds them of the rules where required. Children behave well. The childminder takes children on lots of outings. She is keen for children to learn about their local community and their wider world. The childminder has effective measures in place to help keep children safe while they are out and about.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- The childminder is passionate. She uses the views of children, parents and other professionals to help identify ways that her setting can continuously improve over time. The childminder is keen to provide high-quality care for all children.
- The childminder places focus on her own professional development. She regularly attends training. The childminder uses this to help keep her knowledge up to date.
- The childminder is passionate about supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She demonstrates sound knowledge of how she should work in partnership with parents and other professionals to ensure children receive timely and specialist support.
- Parents speak highly about the childminder. They state that the childminder is kind and patient towards their child. The childminder finds out key information about the children who attend. This helps her to better understand each child's individual needs. The childminder provides parents with daily feedback about their child's day.
- The childminder encourages children to wash their hands before they eat. She also ensures that children have access to fresh drinking water. The childminder provides lots of opportunities for children to spend time outside. This helps to support children to learn how they can stay healthy.

- The childminder is keen to support children to learn how they can start to self-regulate. She talks to children about their feelings and how their actions affect others. This helps children to start to learn right from wrong.
- The childminder is keen for children to learn about themselves and others. She talks to the children about what makes them unique and how they can show care and respect towards one another.
- The childminder has sound knowledge of what is notifiable to Ofsted. This includes any changes to her health and/or personal circumstances. The childminder has sound knowledge of the action she must take to help keep children safe from harm.
- The childminder's understanding of risk assessments is sound. She completes regular checks in her home to help identify and remove risks within the environment. The childminder also has secure knowledge of how to keep children safe while they sleep.
- The childminder holds an appropriate paediatric first-aid qualification. Her knowledge of the action she must take if children suffer any accidents while at her setting is sound. The childminder also holds a valid public liability insurance.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.

There is an open and positive culture around safeguarding that puts children's interests first.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY494379
Local authority	Staffordshire
Inspection number	10334537
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	4 to 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Name of registered person	Nixon, Louise
Telephone number	07579814297
Date of previous inspection	20 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2024 and lives in Stafford. She operates flexibly all year round, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder is a qualified teacher.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Louise Chinyuku

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 provider.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure it is safe and suitable.
- The inspector viewed feedback and/or spoke to parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed the interaction between the childminder and the children.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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