



Inspection Report

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About the service

Type of care provided	Child Minder
Registered places	5
Language of the service	English
Previous Care Inspectorate Wales inspection	26 May 2021
Is this a Flying Start service?	No
Does this service provide the Welsh Language active offer?	No. This is a service that does not provide an 'Active Offer' of the Welsh language. It does not anticipate, identify or meet the Welsh language needs of people /children who use, or intend to use their service.

Summary

This was a focussed inspection and, on this occasion, we did not consider the environment in detail.

Children are happy at the setting. They have formed close, warm relationships with the childminder. They benefit from an appropriate range of toys, resources and equipment to promote their learning and development. The childminder shows improvements with regards to fire drill and updating of mandatory training. All Priority Action Notices issued at the last inspection have been closed down.

Observations were limited due to there only being one child present at the time of the inspection.

Well-being

Children have control over how they spend their time at the service. They have opportunities to independently access a range of resources which are easily accessible to them. Children are listened to and responded to appropriately by the childminder.

Children develop positive relationships with the childminder and her family. We saw a child sitting at the table with the childminder drawing a map of where the 'treasure' was hidden then using the map to find it.

Children approach the childminder spontaneously to seek reassurance and support. We saw a child seek out the childminder to tell her that they had found the treasure she had hidden.

Children are developing their confidence and independence. They access resources that interest them, and they enjoy playing alone. Children proudly showed us their toys and a book they had made themselves with pirate coin rubbings and treasure maps.

Care and Development

The childminder keeps children safe and healthy. She understands the procedures in place to safeguard children and since the last inspection, she has completed safeguarding training. She is confident in raising concerns to the relevant teams within the local authority. The childminder has also completed regular fire drill practices, in line with the regulations, since the last inspection.

Covid-19 restrictions such as parents not entering the home and increased handwashing are still in place. We saw a child encouraged to wash their hands after using felt pens.

As a result of the improvements made with regards to the childminder attending safeguarding training and carrying out regular fire drill practices, the Priority Action Notices issued at the last inspection have been closed.

Environment

As this was a focussed inspection, we have not considered this theme.

Leadership and Management

As this was a focussed inspection, we have not considered this theme

Recommendations to meet with the National Minimum Standards

None.

Summary of Non-Compliance

Status	What each means
New	This non-compliance was identified at this inspection.
Reviewed	Compliance was reviewed at this inspection and was not achieved. The target date for compliance is in the future and will be tested at next inspection.
Not Achieved	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was not achieved.
Achieved	Compliance was tested at this inspection and was achieved.

We respond to non-compliance with regulations where poor outcomes for people, and / or risk to people's well-being are identified by issuing Priority Action Notice (s).

The provider must take immediate steps to address this and make improvements. Where providers fail to take priority action by the target date we may escalate the matter to an Improvement and Enforcement Panel.

Priority Action Notice(s)

Regulation	Summary	Status
N/A	No non-compliance of this type was identified at this inspection	N/A
38	Care and Development - Fire drills not carried out and recorded since 2018.	Achieved
9	Care and development - Safeguarding training not completed by the childminder since 2017.	Achieved

Where we find non-compliance with regulations but no immediate or significant risk for people using the service is identified we highlight these as Areas for Improvement.

We expect the provider to take action to rectify this and we will follow this up at the next inspection. Where the provider has failed to make the necessary improvements we will escalate the matter by issuing a Priority Action Notice.

Area(s) for Improvement

Regulation	Summary	Status
N/A	No non-compliance of this type was identified at this inspection	N/A

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