

Lynn's Childminding Service

Child Minding

Motherwell

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About the service

We carried out a short notice inspection visit of Lynn's Childminding Service on 02 June 2021 between 15:30 and 16:30. Further evidence was reviewed on the 03 June 2021 by telephone. The service was given feedback on 3 June 2021 by telephone.

Lynn's Childminding Service is provided from the childminder's home in Newarthill, North Lanarkshire. The service is registered to provide a care service to a maximum of 6 children at any one time up to 16 years of age, of whom no more than 3 are not yet of an age to attend primary school, and of whom no more than 1 is under 12 months. Numbers are inclusive of the childminder's family. At the time of the inspection, three children were registered to use the service, of which two were present during the visit.

The service aims and objectives include, to provide a safe, stimulating and secure environment for children, young people and parents alike. They will ensure this by implementing their policies and procedures. They will carry out regular risk assessments of their home, toys and equipment. Children and parents will be encouraged to give feedback. When developing activities they will strive to take each child's needs, age and stage of development into consideration. A full copy of the aims and objectives can be obtained from the service.

This was a focussed inspection to evaluate how well children were being supported during the Covid19 pandemic. We evaluated the service based on key areas that are vital to the support and wellbeing of children experiencing care during the pandemic.

This inspection was carried out by an inspector from the Care Inspectorate.

What people told us

We gathered the views from two children using the service. They told us they were happy attending the service and that they had lots of fun. They liked going to the park, playing football, watching movies and drawing. We found the children were confident and well informed about the safety measures in place within the service.

From this inspection we evaluated this service as:

In evaluating quality, we use a six point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?	4 - Good
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Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?

4 - Good

5.1 Children's health and wellbeing are supported and safeguarded during Covid19.

Children were settled and confident within the childminders home and had built positive relationships with the childminder's family. We observed the children to be self-selecting at activities in the garden and to be confident asking for a drink and snacks. The children told us they had fun playing in the garden and liked playing outside. When inside they like to watch movies and draw. Children were encouraged to make choices and direct their own play.

The childminder had considered the children and families emotional wellbeing and had put systems in place to support families during this pandemic. They encouraged parents to share any concerns and provided information to help all those involved feel at ease. This included, new families starting to use the service. Effective systems were in place to support new children to become familiar with new surroundings.

The childminder had policies and procedures in place to keep child safe and well. This included administering medication, first aid, protection and Covid19. The childminder had attended training to support their skills and knowledge in these areas. We found the children to be following good hand hygiene and they were able to tell the inspector about safety measures in place. One child was keen to tell the inspector where and how they washed their hands and demonstrated how to use the hand sanitiser.

The childminder was able to discuss children's development needs and how they supported them. Records were kept to inform the childminder of the children's wellbeing needs and individual preferences. To further enhance their support to meet children's development, a personal plan should be written for each child. We provide support to the childminder during the inspection on these. The childminder had started to write the plans before this report was written and shared their progress. The childminder agreed to have a personal plan in place for each child using the service.

5.2 Infection prevention and control practices support a safe environment for children and staff.

The childminder had policies and procedures in line with Scottish government Covid19 guidance. They demonstrated that they understood the guidance and had safety measures in place to support it. This included good hand hygiene, infection control measures and maximising the use of outdoor space.

The childminder completed a Covid19 training course, to further raise their awareness of the virus and importance of safety measures. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) was to hand and the childminder had ample supplies for when needed, this included face coverings/masks.

We found the area used within the house used for childminding, to be visibly clean and having appropriate safety measures in place. The garden was secure and kept well maintained.

Parents were kept informed of the safety measures put in place, in response to the pandemic. This included doorstep collection, wearing masks when unable to remain physically distant and anyone showing signs and symptoms of Covid19 has to self-isolate.

Detailed evaluations

How good is our care and support during the COVID-19 pandemic?	4 - Good
5.1 Children's health and well being are supported and safeguarded during COVID-19	4 - Good
5.2 Infection prevention and control practices support a safe environment for children and staff	4 - Good

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