
Happy Nest Childcare– Management Plan for Planning Application 2025/93335

1. Introduction

This Management Plan supports the planning application to be able to employ an assistant at Happy Nest Childcare that is currently operating as a childminding business from the residential property at 95 Amberwood Chase, Shawcross, Dewsbury, WF12 7NZ. The purpose of the plan is to demonstrate how the proposed use will be safely and effectively managed, without causing adverse impact on neighbours, traffic, or the local community. The setting will comply with all regulatory requirements for childminders and will operate within the constraints of a domestic environment.

2. Proposed Use

- The property will continue to be used as our family home with part of the space dedicated to childminding.
 - Maximum number of children: 6 children
 - Age range: 0–10 years
 - Operating hours: 7:30am–5:30pm, Monday–Friday
 - No structural changes are proposed
 - A staggered pick up and drop off arrangement would occur during the day with the first child being dropped off at 7:30am. Two of the children get picked up and dropped off by the childminder and only attend during school hours (9am–3.30pm). A further two children attend only after school care. The other child is the childminders own child, therefore will not be dropped off or picked up.
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3. Safeguarding, Safety, and Supervision

- All areas used by children will undergo risk assessment and be made safe.
- Happy Nest has a video doorbell for drop off and pick ups to ensure safety of the adults and children.
- Safety gates are installed to ensure that the upstairs of the property is not accessible to the children.
- A secure house alarm is set when the home is not occupied.

- If other professionals such as social workers, medical professionals and educational professionals are required to visit Happy Nest childcare; a suitable date and time is arranged for safeguarding and also traffic management purposes.
 - Children will be supervised at all times indoors and outdoors.
 - Outdoor play will take place in the enclosed back garden only, not the front of the property.
 - All hazardous materials, cleaning equipment, and medicines will be securely stored.
 - Fire safety measures include:
 - o Working smoke alarms on all levels
 - o Fire blanket in the kitchen
 - o Clear evacuation routes
 - o Regular fire drills
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4. Capacity and Space Management

- The home meets the required floor space and facilities for the proposed number of children.
 - Care will be provided in designated areas: living room, playroom, kitchen/dining area, and downstairs WC.
 - Quiet areas are designated for naps and individual learning.
 - Outdoor space is safely fenced and used for supervised play. We are however out of the property on a daily basis and our outdoor play tends to take place at local parks and amenities.
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5. Noise Management

To minimise impact on neighbours:

- Outdoor play will be supervised and limited to reasonable hours- 10am until 11am and 3.45pm-5pm.
- No amplified music will be used outdoors.
- Numbers of children will remain small, consistent with childminder regulations.

- Windows and doors will be kept closed during high-energy indoor activities where practical.
 - Parents are encouraged to avoid gathering or prolonged conversations at collection/drop-off times.
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6. Traffic, Parking, and Drop-Off/Collection Arrangements

To prevent congestion and maintain safety:

- Staggered arrival and departure times are in place
 - Parents/carers will be asked to:
 - o Park responsibly
 - o Avoid blocking neighbours' driveways
 - o Keep engines off while waiting
 - o Use nearby street parking if the driveway is occupied
 - o The driveway will be used for drop-offs where possible to minimise on-street parking. I have one vehicle, and my husband is working during the week, which leaves a space on the driveway.
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7. Impact on Neighbouring Properties

- The scale of the childcare operation is small and home-based, comparable to normal family use.
 - No external signage, lighting, or commercial waste bins will be installed.
 - Waste generated is domestic in nature – nappies and similar waste will be securely bagged and disposed of within normal household refuse collection.
 - No loud machinery, business deliveries, or increased vehicular traffic beyond typical residential use.
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8. Environmental and Property Management

- The property will be maintained in good order, including outdoor areas.
- All toys and equipment will be stored indoor or in outdoor storage units in the garden after hours to maintain a tidy external appearance.

- No smoke-producing activities or pollutants will be introduced.
 - The garden will be used only during appropriate hours to reduce noise impact.
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9. Business and Administrative Management

- The childminder will remain on-site at all times during operating hours.
 - Records will be kept in accordance with regulatory requirements.
 - The business involves one assistant
 - The setting is Ofsted registered
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10. Emergency Procedures

- Emergency evacuation plan in place and shared with parents.
 - Contact details and medical information held securely for each child.
 - First aid kit maintained and accessible.
 - In the case of emergency requiring collection, parents will be informed immediately.
 - Events such as severe weather or power outages will be managed with temporary closure if necessary.
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11. Summary

This Management Plan demonstrates that the proposed childminding use:

- Operates safely and responsibly
- Maintains the residential nature of the property
- Minimises impact on neighbours
- Manages parking and noise effectively
- Complies with all childcare, safety, and regulatory requirements

The scale and nature of the provision are consistent with small-scale home-based care and will not materially change the character or amenity of the surrounding area.