

Childminder report

Inspection date:

12 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates an excellent understanding of safeguarding and her role to protect and keep the children safe. She keeps herself up to date on local procedures through ongoing training. The childminder is aware of the signs and symptoms of possible abuse, including children being exposed to extreme views. She knows the correct procedures to follow if she had concerns about the welfare of a child and what to do if there was an allegation made against a member of her household.
- The childminder demonstrates her understanding of how to manage children's behaviour and supervises them in an appropriate way. She knows the importance of encouraging children to form strong attachments to help them feel happy and secure.
- The childminder understands the importance of monitoring children's development and identifying what they need to learn next to help them to make progress. She explains how she would provide exciting, stimulating, and engaging opportunities to enable the children to build on what they already know and give them the key skills for future learning.
- The childminder knows the importance of continually reflecting on her provision. She actively works to maintain her good knowledge and completes regular training courses to keep up to date. The childminder is part of a wider network, where they share ideas and seek ways to continuously improve their practice.
- The childminder explains how she would make sure children learn about keeping healthy, such as eating well and regular exercise. She would follow appropriate hygiene procedures and knows how to use these to teach children how to keep themselves safe and healthy.
- The childminder understands the value of working in partnership with parents and other providers to maintain consistency in children's care.
- The childminder has robust procedures in place for hygiene and teaching the children to stay safe. The children know to wash their hands, they discuss how much the need to drink to stay hydrated, and what foods are good for them.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, 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.

Setting details

Unique reference number	149126
Local authority	Southend-on-Sea
Inspection number	10234248
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	4 to 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	10 October 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2001. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Hilda Miller

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 provision.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- The childminder told the inspector about her self-evaluation process and how she plans to continue to make improvements.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home used for childminding. She talked with the childminder about resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The childminder showed the inspector the documents she uses when caring for children. The inspector viewed documents relating to evidence of the suitability of household members.

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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