

Childminder report

Inspection date:

14 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands her responsibility to protect the safety of children. She knows how to identify signs of abuse and report any concerns she may have about a child's welfare. The childminder is aware of how to identify possible risks to children inside and outside of her home. She talks about taking appropriate action to minimise these.
- The importance of identifying what children need to learn next is recognised by the childminder. She explains how she would identify this from the very start of the placement. The childminder describes how she would use this information to plan a range of activities that build on each child's developing skills and interests. The childminder understands the importance of monitoring children's ongoing progress.
- The childminder demonstrates her understanding of the key-person role. She knows the importance of secure attachments and how they help children to feel happy and secure. The childminder describes how she intends to effectively settle children into her care.
- Children's safety is important to the childminder. She will provide parents with advice about packed lunches and store these safely, helping to protect children's well-being. She talked about how she would encourage regular exercise to support children's good health. The childminder describes how she would teach children to be independent and manage their behaviour, helping them in preparation for school.
- The value of supporting partnerships with parents and key persons at other settings children attend is understood by the childminder. She intends to promote a two-way exchange of information and offer ideas about how parents can support their children's learning at home.
- The childminder talks about how she will provide an inclusive service that helps children to value differences between themselves and others.
- The childminder understands the importance of regularly reviewing her practice. She recognises that this helps her to ensure she continues to meet requirements. The childminder identifies areas for future development, including her training needs.

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	202720
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10276122
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	3 July 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1998. She lives in Buckhurst Hill, Essex. The childminder works term time, only Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. She holds a relevant level 3 qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Ann Cozzi

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector discussed the policies and procedures with the childminder and viewed documentation that she will use when caring for children.
- The inspector toured the areas of the premises used by children. She held discussions about children's safety and the equipment and toys available.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.

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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