

Childminder report

Inspection date:

31 August 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Requires improvement

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates how she considers each child's interests and stage of development. She confidently describes how she monitors and assesses the children and uses this information to plan activities to support their learning and development. The childminder understands the importance of developing secure bonds with children, to promote their confidence and emotional security.
- The childminder's curriculum offers children plenty of opportunities to play and learn outdoors. She demonstrates, through discussion, the value of outdoor play to promote children's physical health and confidence.
- The childminder is aware of positive behaviour management and understands how to support children's good behaviour. She explains how she helps children to develop positive relationships. For example, she teaches children, about sharing, taking turns and respect for others, through daily activities.
- The childminder recognises the value of working closely with parents and other professionals to help promote continuity of care and learning. She knows the procedures to follow should she need to seek additional support for children.
- The childminder keeps her safeguarding knowledge up to date. She demonstrates a good understanding of how to safeguard children. She describes possible signs that may indicate when a child may need protection, such as from extreme views or behaviours. The childminder understands the procedures to follow if an allegation is made against herself or member of her household.
- The childminder explains how daily checks and risk assessments of her premises help her to identify and to remove any potential hazards to children. She understands her role in teaching children how to manage their own safety.
- The childminder describes how she understands the importance of encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle through eating healthy foods, being physically active and spending time outdoors.
- The childminder demonstrates a commitment to enhancing her knowledge and skills. For example, she has a current first-aid certificate. The childminder has all the required documentation in place to support the effective management of her provision.

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	203136
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10144951
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	23 January 2020

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1998 and lives in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. She holds an appropriate early years qualification at level 3. The childminder provides care from 7.30am to 5pm, Tuesday to Thursday, term time only. She receives funding to provide free early education for children aged two, three and four years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Tina Mason

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting 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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures that they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of those living in the premises.
- The childminder discussed how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements when minding children.
- The inspector sampled documentation relating to training and record-keeping.

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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