

Childminder report

Inspection date:

24 October 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The very experienced and dedicated childminder demonstrates a good understanding of child development and how children learn. She spoke knowledgeably of how she would deliver an ambitious and challenging curriculum to support learning.
- Through discussion the childminder spoke of the importance of a good settling-in process to ensure children feel comfortable and confident in her care. She understands the importance of ensuring all appropriate information is in place so that she can successfully meet children's individual needs.
- Through conversation the childminder demonstrated a secure knowledge and understanding of the areas of learning, characteristics of effective learning and children's different learning styles. She spoke of how these would be supported through daily routines and a well-planned curriculum.
- The childminder spoke of how she would plan outings and activities within the local community to further enhance learning, support social development and broaden children's understanding of the world around them. The childminder said she would follow children's interest and build on what they already know to challenge and extend learning in consultation with parents.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrated her responsibility to keep children safe. The childminder showed the inspector robust policies and procedures in place to ensure children's welfare is protected in the event of an accident or administration of medication. The childminder has maintained a current first-aid certificate. Public liability insurance is also in place and maintained.
- The childminder has a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children's welfare. She spoke of how she strengthens her knowledge and ensures she is fully aware of current practice through the completion of informative safeguarding training courses. The childminder demonstrated a secure understanding of how to report any concerns, regarding a child's well-being. This includes 'Prevent' duty, county lines and female genital mutilation.
- The childminder explained how she would promote children's understanding of a healthy lifestyle. Through discussion she spoke of the daily physical activities she would plan to ensure children had fresh air and exercise. For example, activities in the garden, walks to the village pond to feed the ducks, or to develop physical skills in the park.
- The childminder explained how she would design a curriculum that positively supported opportunities to develop the skills they need to be independent and confident learners and communicators, in preparation for transition to school.
- The childminder demonstrated her commitment to provide quality care and education. She spoke of being reflective and evaluating the service she would provide. Through discussion it is evident that the childminder understands the importance of continuous professional development and has completed a wide range of training courses, research and webinars to improve outcomes for children.

- The childminder spoke of her commitment and understanding of the importance to establish positive working relationships with parents. She described how she would encourage information sharing to suit the needs of individual parents. The childminder understands the importance of positive links with other early years settings or school where children may attend to ensure continuity of care.

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	203142
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10363918
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	4
Date of previous inspection	16 January 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2000. She lives in Fyfield, Essex and operates term time only, Monday to Friday from 7am until 9am, and 3.15pm until 6pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lynn Hartigan

Inspection activities

- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.
- The childminder showed the inspector around the premises and discussed how she ensures they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her knowledge of the safeguarding and welfare, and the learning and development requirements.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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