

Childminder report

Inspection date:

10 October 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 has embedded policies and procedures in place. She is an experienced childminder and provides a safe, friendly environment for children. The safety measures in place are risk assessed and monitored effectively. Children are provided with appropriate play spaces, both indoors and outdoors. These areas are well resourced with toys and play equipment for all ages.
- The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of safeguarding practices and procedures. She is aware of what signs can be displayed with abuse and the behaviours that children can show. The childminder and her assistant have attended relevant, regular safeguarding training, which helps to keep their knowledge up to date. Appropriate checks have been completed to ensure they are suitable to work with children.
- The childminder understands the early years foundation stage and its importance in the child's learning journey. She can talk about children's learning and how they develop in different ways. The childminder is experienced in observing children playing. She can identify how children are feeling emotionally and support their well-being. The childminder ensures that children are provided with a caring and positive experience in her home.
- The childminder explains how she provides an inclusive environment, where equal opportunities are recognised as important. She is happy to liaise with other professionals to gain help and support. The childminder aims to keep up to date with changes to policy and practice. She uses appropriate sources to find out information and update her skills. The childminder uses reflection to develop and move forward.
- Parent partnerships are embedded. Communication is shared effectively between the childminders, home, and school. The parents are happy with the care and attention their children receive. They comment on it being a home-from-home environment, where children feel safe and comfortable. The welfare and safety of the children is central to the practice of the childminder.

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	203172
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10234297
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	3 to 7
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	15 November 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1997 and lives in Chelmsford. She operates term time only, Monday to Wednesday 7.45am to 5.30pm, Thursday and Friday before and after school, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder sometimes works with an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Helen Clutterham

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder has received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken this into account in the evaluation of the service she provides.
- The inspector checked the suitability of the rooms and environment used for childminding.
- The inspector checked the childminder's suitability to work with children.
- The inspector looked at how the childminder meets registration requirements.
- The inspector looked at written testimonials from parents and has taken these into account as part of the inspection.

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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