

Childminder report

Inspection date:

23 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a clear understanding of how to safeguard children. She knows the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect. The childminder understands how to refer any concerns about children's welfare to the relevant authorities. She knows the correct procedure to follow should there be an allegation against herself or her co-childminder. The childminder describes how she will carry out daily checks and risk assessments of her home to identify and remove any potential hazards to children.
- The childminder demonstrates a strong understanding of how children learn. She explains how she plans her curriculum to meet the individual needs and interests of children. When new children start at her setting, the childminder gathers comprehensive information from parents. She knows how to identify what children need to learn next to build on their early skills and experiences.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of teaching children how to lead a healthy lifestyle. She talks about providing opportunities for children to learn about being physically active, eating nutritious foods and following hygiene routines.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents to help to support continuity in children's learning and care. She talks about how she endeavours to work closely with any other settings children attend.
- The childminder understands the importance of helping children to learn to play cooperatively with each other. She knows how to support their emotional well-being, for example by ensuring a smooth settling-in process.
- The childminder works in close partnership with her co-childminder. Together, they reflect on and evaluate the service they provide. The childminder understands the importance of keeping her skills and knowledge relevant and up to date. She accesses training and online webinars to widen her knowledge and teaching skills.

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	2527286
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	10215074
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	9 to 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2019 and lives in Grays, Essex. She operates all year round from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder works with another childminder. They are registered to provide overnight care.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jill Hardaker

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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector and the childminder looked at areas of the house and garden that are used when caring for children. They talked about how the childminder organises her environment and the learning opportunities she provides for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder to consider her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including the childminder's safeguarding procedures, complaints policy and 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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