

Childminder report

Inspection date:

3 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The well-qualified childminder understands how to support children's learning and development. She explains her curriculum and how she will implement this based on each child's learning needs. The childminder describes how she will plan and provide a wide range of activities and experiences that cover all areas of learning. She talks about how this will help children to make good progress from their starting points.
- The childminder understands the importance of continuous professional development. She makes good use of personal research and training opportunities to enhance her knowledge and refresh her teaching skills. Since the last inspection, the childminder has undertaken a relevant paediatric first-aid course.
- The childminder understands the benefits to children when she forms supportive partnerships. She explains how she would work effectively with parents and other professionals, such as school teaching staff, to ensure that children progress well.
- 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 keeping hygiene routines. The childminder places a high focus on supporting children's emotional health and well-being. She explains how she supports children to feel secure and helps them to develop a strong sense of themselves and good self-esteem.
- The childminder has an excellent range of toys and resources, which are easily accessible to children. She explains how she interacts with children as they play and builds on the learning she sees happening. The childminder knows how to support children to achieve the skills they need for their future learning.
- 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 she receive an allegation against herself or a household member. The childminder describes how she will carry out daily checks and risk assessments of her home to identify and to remove any potential hazards to children.

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	2537498
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10258229
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	19 May 2022

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2019 and lives in Watford. She operates during term time only from 8am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jill Hardaker

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluations.
- The inspector and 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, such as 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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