

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 May 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a firm understanding of what to do should a child fall unwell in her care. However, she has allowed her paediatric first-aid qualification to recently lapse. This is a breach of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage' requirements. The childminder recognises the importance of addressing this as soon as possible.
- The childminder's safeguarding knowledge is strong. She has policies in place which she regularly reviews. She ensures that contact information for external agencies is up to date. This will help her to raise any concerns she has about children's welfare promptly. The childminder has completed relevant safeguarding training. She is aware of how to identify children who may be at risk of exposure to extreme views or behaviour. She knows what to do if anyone should make a complaint against herself or a household member.
- Partnerships with other professionals are important to the childminder. She intends to share information with staff at other settings children attend. She recognises how this can benefit children's development. The childminder talks about how she can support parents to build on their children's learning at home. She plans to share ideas and activities with parents that they can complete in their own home with their children.
- The childminder has a passion for children learning about the natural world around them. She has gained a forest school qualification to support children's learning outdoors. The childminder speaks about the opportunities she plans to provide children with, such as walks to the local woodland. She has a wide variety of natural resources for children to access, indoors and outdoors.
- The childminder plans to monitor and track children's progress carefully. She understands how young children learn. The childminder intends to gather information from parents before children start. This can support her to identify their initial starting points. The childminder intends to provide children with age-appropriate activities to challenge them and help to extend their learning further.
- The childminder confidently speaks about how she can support children's emotional development. She is aware of various strategies that she can use to promote children's positive behaviour. She plans to provide children with opportunities to develop their sharing and turn-taking skills. The childminder recognises that this can help children to build strong and happy relationships with others.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
maintain a full and current paediatric first-aid certificate.	16/06/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	2537498
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10215242
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	Not applicable

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

Jenny Hardy

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how the childminder intends to support children's learning and development.
- The inspector and childminder held discussions regarding safeguarding.
- The inspector viewed a range of the childminder's documentation, including qualification certificates and insurance documents.

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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