

Childminder report

Inspection date:

8 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 secure understanding of her safeguarding role to help to protect children. She is confident in recognising the signs and symptoms that may indicate a child at risk of harm, including those of radicalisation. The childminder knows the procedures to follow if she has any concerns about children's welfare. She has a clear policy in place, should an allegation be made against her or a member of her family.
- The childminder recognises how to encourage children to keep safe. She conducts daily risk assessments of her setting and resources to minimise any potential hazards. The childminder knows how to teach children to identify risks, such as crossing the road safely and the dangers of ponds, while ensuring their safety.
- The childminder has an appropriate understanding of the learning and development requirements. She knows how to observe, assess and monitor children's learning and development to support their continuing progress from their starting points. Where a child has gaps in their learning, she understands the need to seek external advice and support from other professionals. The childminder considers the views of the children when planning activities.
- The childminder has a broad range of good quality toys and resources available that cover all areas of learning to meet children's needs. She understands how to plan a wide range of outings for children to experience the wider world, such as to the woods or the park. The childminder knows how to support children in their understanding of other cultures and ways of life, which are outside their own experience.
- The childminder describes appropriate and positive methods to support children to behave well. She provides a range of experiences, such as games, to help children learn how to compromise, share and take turns.
- The childminder is reflective about her practice and is constantly seeking ways to improve. She is undertaking additional training to build on her skills and knowledge.
- The childminder helps children to understand the importance of oral health and its links to a healthy diet. For example, she talks about children cleaning dirt off toy teeth, using a toothbrush. She teaches children that sugary foods will rot their teeth.
- The childminder understands the importance of building strong partnerships with parents to keep them informed about their child's learning and progress. She also recognises the need to communicate with other settings children may attend to ensure consistency in children's learning and 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	2559257
Local authority	East Sussex
Inspection number	10232112
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	5
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 Westfield, near Hastings, East Sussex. She provides care for children between 8am and 6pm, throughout the year, apart from family and bank holidays. The childminder offers funded places for children aged two, three and four years of age. She holds an appropriate level 3 qualification in childcare.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jill Thewlis

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 childminder and the inspector toured the parts of the premises used for childminding activities.
- The inspector viewed documents relating to suitability.
- The childminder explained to the inspector how she fulfilled her responsibilities to keep children safe at all times.
- The inspector and the childminder discussed the curriculum she would provide and how it meets the needs of children of different ages.

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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