

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 July 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 demonstrates a good awareness of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She understands her role to safeguard children. The childminder has kept up to date with safeguarding training and local safeguarding concerns. She is alert to possible signs and indicators of abuse and neglect. The childminder knows the procedures to follow to report any concerns and protect children.
- The childminder knows the value of supporting children's physical well-being through regular fresh air and exercise, using local parks and her garden. She explains how she provides children with healthy, balanced meals and opportunities for physical activities.
- The childminder demonstrates how she plans activities for children of different age groups. She understands the importance of preparing children for starting school. The childminder explains how important partnership working is. She has established links with the local authority, primary school, local nurseries and childminders. She shares care and learning information with parents and teachers.
- The childminder understands the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on children. She provides quieter areas of the house for children to emotionally regulate, such as a tepee, and takes children out into the wider community to encourage children to socialise. She uses different groups and classes to enhance children's speech and language.
- The childminder understands the importance of taking time to settle children. She discusses how she works with parents to establish children's starting points. The childminder values the importance of building good relationships with parents. She recognises the need to share information to provide continuity of care for children.
- The childminder understands that each child's needs are different. She explains how she makes the setting safe and inclusive for all children and how she celebrates different festivals to teach children how to become resilient, tolerant and accepting individuals.

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	2568058
Local authority	Central Bedfordshire
Inspection number	10239299
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	1 to 3
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2020. She operates all year round from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Amy Clarkson

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 their evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including evidence of suitability checks, public liability insurance and qualification certificates.
- The inspector had a tour of the premises and viewed the toys and equipment that are available for children to use.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the safeguarding and welfare requirements when caring for children.

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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