

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 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 regularly reviews her knowledge to keep up to date with developments in the early years sector. She uses the local authority to attend courses to improve her knowledge. Through discussion, she demonstrates good knowledge and understanding of children and what to do if she had concerns regarding children's welfare.
- The childminder explained how she would build her understanding of each child and has a clear understanding of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'. She details how she provides engaging activities inside and out to promote children's learning, including taking children on trips to the zoo and park.
- The childminder understands the need to differentiate activities to meet the needs of all children. Through discussion, she explains how activities can be changed, so that all children learn. She has an appropriate variety of toys to support children with each stage of learning, including large trays with edible sensory activities for babies and mark making and number recognition resources for older children.
- The childminder discusses the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on children and understands what she can do to support children's emotional well-being.
- The childminder talks about behaviour management and how she encourages children to play cooperatively and be kind to one another, through teaching manners and celebrating children as individuals.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles. She provides balanced and nutritious snacks for children and has discussions about what they are eating. She also detailed the importance of physical activity in the outdoors and how she promotes this.
- The childminder celebrates all festivals and teaches children about different cultures. She talks about how she takes them out into the local community to meet others and understands the importance of doing this.
- The childminder demonstrates how she effectively risk assesses to keep children safe. She explains how she keeps her knowledge of safeguarding and other local issues up to date by attending online training, and networks with other childminders to share best practice.
- The childminder explains that she has reviewed her policies and paperwork that she intends to use and regularly asks for feedback from parents, so that she can continually evaluate her practice.

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	2574928
Local authority	Bedford
Inspection number	10239433
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	3
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2020 and lives in a village between Milton Keynes and Bedford. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Amy Clarkson

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her self-evaluation process and how she plans to continue to make improvements.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her settling-in process.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents used by the childminder when caring for children and viewed documents relating to evidence of the suitability of the childminder.

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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