

Childminder report

Inspection date:

11 July 2024

**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 good understanding of how to promote the learning and development of children. She explains how she would observe and assess children to monitor their progress. She describes how she would use assessments to plan for children's individual needs. She understands how to identify gaps in children's learning and how to work with outside agencies to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working with parents and other settings that children attend. She demonstrates a good understanding of how to provide feedback to parents to ensure that they are well informed about their child's learning and development needs. She would share children's progress with schools and other childcare settings to provide continuity of care for children.
- The childminder knows how to safeguard children. She is able to identify risks in the home and describe how she would monitor these effectively. For example, she would regularly check the weight and heights of children to ensure she is using the correct car seat for that child. She keeps her knowledge of safeguarding up to date with regular training. She knows who to go to if she had a concern about a child and the correct procedures to follow.
- The childminder has high expectations of children's behaviour. She knows how to promote positive relationships and taking turns between children. She can describe how she would support children to understand the effects of their actions on others and model how they should behave. For instance, she would demonstrate using 'kind hands' and sharing.
- The childminder knows how to promote children's health. She demonstrates through discussion how she would offer daily opportunities for time outdoors. For example, she would take children on regular outings to local woodlands, parks and beaches. She will offer nutritional snacks and meals that are carefully planned to provide a balanced diet.
- The childminder explains how she will evaluate her practice using feedback from parents and children. For younger children she describes how she will observe what children have enjoyed to see what she is doing well. She would take verbal feedback from older children to gain ideas of what she could do better.

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	2609055
Local authority	Devon
Inspection number	10265235
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 2020. She lives in a rural area just outside the town of Okehampton in Devon. She is available weekdays all year round. The childminder holds qualified teacher status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Rebecca Martin

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about her knowledge of how to safeguard children and ensure their well-being.
- The inspector and childminder discussed her understanding of how to support children's learning and development.

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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