

Childminder report

Inspection date:

8 March 2023

**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 maintains a warm and inviting environment for children to play and learn in. She has a range of resources to include individual children's interests and support their learning and development. The childminder demonstrates how she will plan activities to challenge and support children to make progress in all areas of their learning.
- The childminder describes the benefits of sharing information with parents and other settings children attend. She explains the importance of ongoing conversations with children's main caregivers, to support progress and prepare them for their future move to school.
- The childminder is aware of the requirement to complete a progress check for children aged between two and three years. She explains how observations and assessments help identify any gaps in children's learning. The childminder understands the steps to take to swiftly support children who may need extra support.
- The childminder understands her role in helping children to enjoy healthy and active lifestyles. She has an up-to-date knowledge of how to administer first aid through attending regular training. The childminder intends to spend a lot of time outdoors, with woodland walks and trips to local parks. She describes how these experiences can challenge children physically, developing resilience, perseverance, and self-esteem.
- The childminder intends to help children to build positive relationships. She explains how she will help children to develop their social skills by attending a weekly playgroup and meeting up with other children. They will learn to take turns and accept the needs of others.
- The childminder intends to praise children's positive behaviour and acts of kindness. Through celebrating significant events, such as birthdays and religious festivals, the childminder intends children to learn what makes them unique and promote equality and diversity.
- The childminder explains her in-depth knowledge of recognising the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect, and what to do if there is a concern about a child in her care. She has a good understanding of wider issues, including grooming and exploitation. The childminder values the views of children and their families to help to improve her provision.

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	2621675
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10280981
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	3 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2021 and lives in Wickford. She operates all year round from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Louisa Taylor

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 provision.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- Documentation, including suitability checks for members of the household, insurance and first-aid certificates, were looked at.
- The inspector reviewed with the childminder how she will safeguard children and how she will evaluate her provision to strive for continuous improvement.

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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