

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 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 understands the importance of ensuring children feel safe and secure within her setting. She describes the flexible settling period she offers to suit each individual child to build up a strong key-person relationship.
- The childminder is clear on how to plan an ambitious curriculum for children using the early years foundation stage. The childminder recognises the benefits of observing and tracking children's development to fully understand what it is children already know and what it is they need to learn next. The childminder describes the actions she would take to bridge any gaps in children's learning.
- The childminder recognises the importance of having high expectations for children, allowing them to become independent and make their own choices ready for the next stage of their learning. The childminder describes the rules and boundaries she would have in place for children. She talks about how she would be a positive role model for children to learn about sharing, being kind and having empathy for one another.
- The childminder understands the value of instilling in children the benefits of healthy living. She describes the menu she plans for children that features home-cooked and nutritionally balanced food options each day. The childminder talks of the outings she takes children on, to local soft-play centres and on nature walks, promoting the development of physical skills, such as climbing, negotiating space, and balancing.
- The childminder recognises the benefit of developing strong partnerships with parents to ensure communication about the child is open and effective. The childminder describes the various ways she keeps parents up to date about their children's learning and development.
- The childminder understands the importance of ensuring her setting is inclusive to all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities and English as an additional language. She talks about the reasonable adjustments she would make to ensure all children are able to participate at the appropriate level for their development.
- The childminder continues to develop her own professional development by attending regular training. She regularly evaluates her practice and seeks the views and opinions of others on the service she is providing.
- The childminder ensures that she regularly attends safeguarding training. She has an understanding of her roles and responsibilities towards keeping children safe from harm or abuse. The childminder has procedures in place for the recording, monitoring and reporting of any concerns she may have. The childminder regularly risks assesses her home environment to ensure that it remains safe and suitable for children.

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	2648960
Local authority	Bexley
Inspection number	10339455
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 6
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 2022. She lives in Bexleyheath, in the London Borough of Bexley. She is available to mind Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm, throughout most of the year. The childminder holds a level 7 qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Natalie OLeary

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 childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- Discussions were held around the childminder's knowledge of safeguarding.
- The inspector and childminder discussed her understanding of the learning and welfare requirements.

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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