

Childminder report

Inspection date:

28 May 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 undertaken several training courses to ensure she keeps her knowledge and understanding up to date. She explains how she would assess children's starting points. A comprehensive settling-in process offers lots of opportunity for her to observe the child and gain key information from the parents. The childminder describes how she uses this information to plan for children, to assess what the child knows already and how to build on that knowledge.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of providing an organised provision with engaging resources to support children's learning. She has clear knowledge of how to help children make progress in their learning in a well-sequenced way. The childminder understands the importance of ensuring the curriculum has suitable breadth and depth so that it meets the statutory framework, as well as the individual needs and interests of children.
- The childminder understands how to support children to develop an active and healthy lifestyle. She knows the value of planning outings to the local park, library and working closely with other childminders. The childminder explains that this encourages children to develop their social skills through their interactions with others and broadens their experiences.
- Working in partnership with parents is important to the childminder. She describes how she will involve parents in their children's learning and development to ensure continuity of care.
- The childminder has good awareness of how to support children who speak English as an additional language. She describes how she will support their home language during their play and teach them new words in English. This will help children to learn English alongside their home language and support their communication and language skills.
- The childminder can demonstrate a clear understanding of promoting positive behaviour and has clear expectations for this. She understands how to provide all children with an inclusive and welcoming environment that supports positive interactions.
- The childminder has a good knowledge of safeguarding. The childminder ensures that mandatory training, such as safeguarding and first aid, is up to date. She understands the importance of ensuring children's safety in her home to minimise the risk of accidents and injuries. The childminder knows how to keep children safe. She knows the procedures to follow if she has any concerns about children's welfare.
- The childminder explains how she will support all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, to receive the support they need. She explains how she will make necessary referrals to other professionals with parents' consent. Additionally, she will signpost parents to other professionals for support.

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	2660298
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	10335231
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	8 to 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2021. She lives in Grays, Essex and provides care Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 9pm. The childminder operates all year round, except for family holidays and bank holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sue Triscott

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 childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector around the premises and discussed how she will ensure that they are safe and suitable when children are on roll.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about her intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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