

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 November 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 children feeling safe and secure within the environment for them to thrive in their learning and development. She discusses the flexible settling-in period she offers. The childminder explains how she ensures that she gathers information from parents about what children already know and what it is they need to learn next.
- The childminder has a clear understanding of how to use the early years foundation stage to provide a challenging and ambitious curriculum for children that helps them to be ready for the next stage of their learning. She recognises the importance of working in partnership with other professionals to ensure consistency in the approach to children's learning.
- The childminder understands the importance of being a good role model for children and having rules and boundaries in place. She discusses the house rules children have designed together, such as having kind hands and being a good friend. The childminder describes how she promotes children's independence through encouraging them to be respectful of the environment and helping to tidy up once they are finished with resources.
- The childminder recognises the importance of children developing healthy lifestyles. She provides breakfast and dinner for those children currently attending before and after school. The childminder explains how she prepares meals fresh each day using seasonal ingredients and involves them in helping to design the menus. She discusses how children have a range of opportunities to be physically active.
- The childminder understands the importance of providing an inclusive environment for children. She describes how she will support children who speak English as an additional language. For example, the childminder will provide dual language books and audio equipment to play songs and nursery rhymes in children's home languages. She recognises the need to make reasonable adjustments to her environment or the structure of activities for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents. She describes the methods she uses to keep in contact with parents, including sending them pictures and messages on texts and having a verbal handover at the end of each day.
- The childminder continues to engage in training to further her own professional development to remain up to date with good practice. She is part of a childminding forum, which she explains provides her with a support network of other childminders from whom she can seek advice and support.
- The childminder has a robust understanding of her responsibility to keep children safe from harm or abuse. She has effective procedures in place for recording and reporting any concerns and to make referrals swiftly to protect children. The childminder understands the importance of regularly reviewing risk assessments to ensure that the environment 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	2672360
Local authority	Harrow
Inspection number	10363598
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 7
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 2022. She lives in Queensbury, Edgware within the London Borough of Harrow The childminder offers care all year round, from 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. She holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Natalie OLeary

Inspection activities

- The childminder showed the inspector around the premises and discussed how she ensures that they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed the arrangements for safeguarding children from harm or abuse.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about their understanding of the early years foundation stage and planning an ambitious curriculum for children.

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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