

Childminder report

Inspection date:

29 August 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 demonstrates a strong commitment to safeguarding, placing children's welfare at the forefront of her practice. She has a good understanding of child protection, including recognising signs of abuse and knowing how to report concerns to relevant authorities. Daily risk assessments are conducted to ensure a safe environment. The childminder talks about how she would discuss safety with children, including road safety, and keeping themselves safe online.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of child development and plans to implement a curriculum that is broad, balanced, and tailored to meet the individual needs and interests of children. Her teaching focuses on fostering children's confidence to explore their environment and builds on children's life skills required for the next stages of their education.
- The childminder understands the importance of providing a variety of resources and activities to support children's learning. This includes walks in the local community, library visits for story time to enhance communication and literacy skills, and attendance at playgroups, and soft-play centres to promote personal, social, and emotional development and physical development.
- The childminder collaborates closely with families to build strong relationships. She talks about providing regular feedback to parents on a daily basis and communicating children's next steps in their learning. The childminder would encourage parents to support their child's learning at home, for example sending home nursery rhymes to develop communication and language skills or providing additional resources and activities, such as painting or planting seeds.
- The childminder demonstrates a commitment to inclusivity and cultural diversity. She talks about marking a range of cultural celebrations throughout the year to ensure that children's cultures are represented to support a sense of belonging in the setting. The childminder adopts a positive approach to managing children's behaviour, focusing on promoting positive behaviour, such as turn-taking, and sharing. She would collaborate closely with parents to maintain consistent expectations.
- The childminder has a comprehensive range of policies and procedures in place to ensure children's safety, which she shares with parents when they first join and regularly updates. She actively seeks feedback from parents to evaluate her provision and strives to deliver a high-quality service that meets the needs of all families.

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	2677701
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10355340
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	6 to 6
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	1
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2022 and lives in Waltham Cross. She operates Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm, all year round, apart from personal holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emily Woodhead

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 inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises that the childminder uses for childminding.
- The childminder and inspector held discussions regarding safeguarding children.
- The inspector reviewed relevant documentation such as the childminder's qualifications and insurance documents.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how the childminder supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector took account of written feedback provided by parents.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children on role who were over the age of five years.

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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