

Childminder report

Inspection date:

14 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 demonstrates a sound understanding of the learning and development requirements, and how she would implement a curriculum, ensuring it is broad and relevant to meet statutory requirements and the interests of the children. She has a comprehensive understanding of how children learn through play and understands how to prepare children for their future learning and gain the necessary skills for starting school. The childminder understands how to track and monitor children's progress through observation and set tailored learning goals to support and progress children's development.
- The childminder understands the importance of providing children with a rich range of learning experiences, and plans to provide a variety of resources, such as books, role-play materials, and arts and crafts. She intends to organise enriching outings, such as trips to local farms and parks, to further enhance children's learning experiences. The childminder is dedicated to ensuring that all children have a voice through activities that encourage turn-taking and making choices, and would promote self-expression through discussions, to foster an inclusive environment.
- The childminder emphasises the importance of building strong partnerships with parents. She outlines how she would keep parents informed about their children's learning and development, handling any concerns with sensitivity. Daily updates would be provided to maintain open communication, ensuring parents are well informed. The childminder also discusses how she would support parents in continuing their child's learning at home, sharing what they are working on in the setting and offering guidance or signposting to additional resources, when necessary.
- The childminder has a robust culture of safeguarding, prioritising the well-being and safety of the children in her care. She maintains up-to-date training on safeguarding requirements and demonstrates a strong understanding of how to protect children from harm. The childminder would conduct thorough risk assessments to ensure the environment is safe for children to play in.
- The childminder has established detailed policies and procedures to ensure children's safety, which she plans to share with parents through comprehensive welcome packs. She is committed to ongoing professional development and ensures that her mandatory training is up to date. She has attended a range of training including Makaton, and special educational needs, to further enhance her skills. She has identified that she would attend any specialised training to meet the specific needs of children to ensure she can provide high-quality care.

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	2681197
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10363713
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2022 and lives in St Albans. 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 and can provide funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children, but no children are currently on role in receipt of funding.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emily Woodhead

Inspection activities

- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises that the childminder will be using 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 would support children's learning and development.

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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