

Childminder report

Inspection date:

25 March 2025

**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 shares how her curriculum is tailored to provide specific learning opportunities for each child, with a focus on their individual next steps in learning. The childminder describes how she recognises each child's specific needs and implements strategies to support their development. For example, she supports children's communication and language through reading stories and playing with the sounds of instruments.
- Through discussion, the childminder shows she understands how children learn and how she will support their overall development through the activities and resources she provides. For example, she discusses how she encourages children to use age-appropriate scissors to practise their hand muscles, which will help their writing skills in the future.
- The childminder talks about how she completes assessments at the age of two, and uses continuous observations to guide the curriculum. She understands the importance of revisiting past learning to ensure children are making progress. For example, she talks about how she recalls and asks questions about the stories she reads to help children remember what they heard.
- The childminder demonstrates an awareness of where to seek additional support for children. She has established connections with other local childminders and the local authority. She is also familiar with specialist professionals, such as speech therapists, to meet children's individual needs.
- The childminder demonstrates good awareness of risk assessments to ensure the environment is appropriate and safe for children to use. For example, she uses safety gates to block children's access to the kitchen and balcony. The childminder keeps cleaning products locked away in cupboards and understands the importance of constant supervision of children.
- The childminder shows suitable knowledge of how to keep children healthy, including administering first aid and medication, and promoting healthy eating. She discusses how she teaches children about the importance of toothbrushing and supports them to do it after each meal.
- The childminder discusses how she implements appropriate behaviour management strategies that support children's well-being and help them understand rules and boundaries. For example, she explains how she talks to children about their behaviour and the impact this has on others. She mentions how she uses children's own interests to keep them engaged in the activities to prevent challenging behaviours.
- The childminder explains how she collaborates with parents to keep them updated on their children's learning and progress. This is achieved through an appropriate settling-in process, daily communication and informal discussions. She explains how she encourages and guides parents to support their children's learning at home.
- The childminder describes how she has kept herself up to date with recent changes in the early years foundation stage framework. She states how she has completed recent training that supports her role further.

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	2688639
Local authority	Lewisham
Inspection number	10395577
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	2 to 5
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2022 and lives in the London Borough of Lewisham. The childminder offers care Monday to Friday, all year around, from 7am to 7pm. The childminder holds an early years degree.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sonia Ferreira

Inspection activities

- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision, including the aims and rationale for their curriculum.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder the importance of including parents and other professional agencies in children's learning and development.
- 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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