

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 March 2024

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has undertaken training since her last inspection to help her develop a secure understanding of safeguarding procedures. She is able to explain how she would identify and report concerns. The childminder has also improved her knowledge and understanding of safeguarding aspects, such as county lines and radicalisation.
- The childminder speaks about how she will approach behaviour management. She intends to use positive reinforcement and set clear boundaries and expectations for children.
- The childminder understands the importance of ensuring that the environment is safe and suitable for children. She will undertake risk assessments and observe the environment for anything that needs to be rectified or removed.
- The childminder has improved her understanding of what records need to be kept for children. For example, she now has procedures in place for obtaining information from parents prior to children starting. She has also implemented a record of children's attendance.
- The childminder understands how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She plans to observe and track children in order to set next steps and raise concerns with parents at the earliest opportunity.
- The childminder understands the areas of learning and how she would promote these. For example, she explains how she would incorporate mathematics through helping children to learn to recognise shapes in the environment and to count objects, such as fruit, for their snacks. The childminder wants to encourage children to be independent learners. She also understands how to promote their self-care skills, such as putting on their coats and shoes.
- The childminder is aware of her responsibility to complete a written summary of children's progress when they are aged between two and three years old and share these with parents.
- The childminder understands how to help children lead a healthy lifestyle, such as through spending time outdoors and being physically active.

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	2688834
Local authority	Medway
Inspection number	10318721
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	4 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	17 October 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2022. She lives and works with a co-childminder in Gillingham, Kent. The childminder offers care before and after school as well as for early years aged children during the day, from Monday to Friday, term time only. The childminder has a relevant childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Southern

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector asked the childminder questions throughout the inspection to establish her understanding of how to safeguard children.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector viewed all areas that are used when caring 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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