

Childminder report

Inspection date:

28 July 2025

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a secure and proactive approach to safeguarding and keeping children safe. She has clear systems in place to ensure children's safety both in the setting and during outings. Regular risk assessments will be carried out to maintain a safe environment, and monthly fire drills will be conducted with children, so they are familiar with emergency procedures. The childminder intends to reinforce road safety through school walks, helping children to understand and manage risks in the wider community.
- The childminder has a clear understanding of how children learn which underpins her approach. She has a secure understanding of curriculum planning, ensuring that it offers appropriate breadth, and meets the needs and interests of the children. Teaching will be carefully differentiated to meet the unique needs of every child. The childminder intends to place emphasis on independence, communication and preparation for school. Real-life experiences that deepen children's understanding of the world around them will include nature trails, visits to forests and farms, and science experiments.
- There is a clear commitment to promoting positive values within the setting. The childminder will ensure that children have a voice in their play and learning, encouraging turn-taking and respectful interactions. She is mindful of the needs of non-verbal children and plans to adapt her practice to support them in making independent choices. The childminder values and celebrates diversity and intends to plan activities around various cultural and religious festivals. Prior to a child starting, she will gather information about the family's cultural background to ensure inclusive practice is in place from the outset.
- The childminder emphasises the importance of building strong relationships with families. She outlines how she will ensure communication through regular updates and share policies and procedures. Parents will be kept well informed about their child's progress, and activities will be linked to what children are learning at school to create a holistic and consistent approach. Homework support will be routinely offered, and the childminder intends to record this in a homework book that is shared between home and school.

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	506194
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10399096
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	7 to 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Date of previous inspection	20 November 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1989 and lives in Doddinghurst, Essex. She operates all year round from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emily Woodhead

Inspection activities

- 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 intends to support children's learning and development.
- Although there were no children in the early years age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children on roll 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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