

Childminder report

Inspection date:

17 March 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands her responsibilities to keep children safe. She has policies in place to safeguard children and she plans to share these policies with parents. The childminder completes regular training to ensure that her safeguarding knowledge is up to date. She has an understanding of wider issues, such as being able to identify children that may be at risk of exposure to extreme views and behaviour.
- The childminder has considered the activities that she plans to provide for young children to help them to learn and develop. For instance, she intends to support their understanding of the world around them, such as by taking children on outings to local nature trails. The childminder has a wide range of resources ready for children to use. She understands how to meet the needs of children of different ages.
- The childminder is aware of how to identify children who need additional support. For instance, those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. She plans to monitor and track children's progress carefully to help her identify gaps in children's learning. She is aware of how to signpost families to additional services for support. The childminder recognises the benefits of working together with other professionals to support children's learning and development. For example, sharing information with other settings that children attend.
- The childminder has an established network of other local childminders around her to share ideas and information with. She continues to develop her professional knowledge. For instance, she reads early years publications to keep up to date with changes within the industry. This helps her to identify specific areas, which she would like to explore further. The childminder recognises how this can help her to support children's learning and development.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents. She plans to gather a range of information from parents before children start with her. She understands that each child is different and intends to tailor her settling-in sessions to meet the individual requirements of each family. The childminder intends to keep parents informed about what their children learn. She plans to share ideas with parents, so that they can build on their children's learning at home.

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	560245
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10069330
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	0
Date of previous inspection	3 December 2014

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1997 and lives in Brentwood, Essex. She operates all year round from 7am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jenny Hardy

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how the childminder plans to support children's learning and development.
- The inspector viewed a range of documentation, including suitability documents for the members of the household.
- The inspector and childminder held discussions regarding safeguarding 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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