

Childminder report

Inspection date:

1 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of child protection and her role and responsibility to keep children safe. The childminder has knowledge of wider aspects of safeguarding, such as the 'Prevent' duty and female genital mutilation. She completed safeguarding training and understands different types of abuse and the signs and behaviours that may cause concern. The childminder knows how to record and report her concerns to the relevant agencies to ensure children's welfare is protected.
- The childminder demonstrates understanding of how children develop and learn. She knows how to plan enjoyable activities that follow children's interests and support their development in all areas. The childminder describes some of the activities that she regularly carries out when caring for children, for example trips to the park and farm, play dough, and art activities.
- The childminder knows how to use observations and assessments to plan learning activities to build on what children know and can do.
- The importance of working in partnerships with parents and the value of them to maintain continuity for children is recognised by the childminder. She talks confidently about working closely with parents to share regular information about their children's well-being and development and to make sure parents are involved in their children's learning and development.
- Throughout the discussion, the childminder acknowledges the importance of regular opportunities for children to be physically active. She explains how she would support and promote children's physical development through daily outdoor activities. The childminder understands how to promote healthy lifestyles for children. She talks about how she would encourage children to make healthy choices and advise parents on nutritious snacks.
- The childminder understands the importance of reinforcing positive behaviour. She spoke about the importance of promoting children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The childminder demonstrates secure knowledge of how to promote a good awareness of cultural differences and diversity and inclusion.
- The childminder understands the importance of evaluating her practice and continuous professional development. She makes good use of research and training opportunities to enhance her knowledge and refresh her skills, to help her to support children's learning.

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	560253
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10265255
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	12
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	31 May 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1992 and lives in Brightlingsea, Essex. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder receives funding for two-, three- and four-year-old children. She occasionally works with an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Marta Kellouche

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare, and learning and development.
- The childminder showed the inspector around the premises and discussed how she ensures they are safe and suitable for children to play in.
- The childminder explained how she would organise the early years provision and the experiences she would provide when caring for children.
- The inspector looked at policies and sampled documents used by the childminder when caring for children, such as evidence of the suitability of household members.

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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