

Childminder report

Inspection date:

21 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder is experienced in planning activities that are exciting. She often links these activities to support children's learning and development. The childminder describes in detail how she communicates with parents to gather information about children before they start at her setting. She is good at evaluating her practice. The childminder takes account of parents' feedback and regularly asks the children what they would like to see and do.
- The childminder provides a wide range of stimulating activities for children. Children benefit from regular picnics in the woods, trips to the beach and local parks. Children have lots of opportunities to learn about their community. Older children write letters to the childminder thanking her for the 'amazing trips' and 'fun times'.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of how to support children, so that they can develop a healthy lifestyle. For example, children help prepare healthy meals and snacks in the childminder's kitchen. The childminder uses these activities to discuss the foods that are healthy for our bodies. She encourages children who are reluctant to eat to try new vegetables and fruits.
- The childminder understands the importance of keeping her training up to date. She regularly attends safeguarding webinars and demonstrates that she knows the actions to take if a child is at risk of harm. The childminder's home is secure and tidy. She knows how to minimise hazards in order to keep children safe when they are on outings.
- The childminder has identified areas where children might need support as a result of the recent COVID-19 pandemic. She describes how she supports children to enable them to be more independent with small tasks, such as dressing and feeding themselves. The childminder describes how she encourages children to become confident talkers and how she helps them to make friends with other children.
- The childminder supports children's emotional health very effectively. She describes the importance of listening to children and being respectful of their feelings. The childminder explains how she helps children manage their behaviour and take turns with other children.

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	EY218982
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	10263142
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	8
Number of children on roll	8
Date of previous inspection	21 April 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2002. She lives in Crawley Down, West Sussex. She operates on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2.45pm to 5.45pm, term time only. The childminder has a recognised childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Tina Lambert

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The childminder described how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of other adults, who live in the home, to be around children.
- The inspector asked the childminder questions throughout the inspection to establish her understanding of how to safeguard children.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how she communicates with parents about their child's development.

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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