

Childminder report

Inspection date:

26 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder does not demonstrate a secure knowledge of all the requirements of her registration. She does not engage with professional development opportunities to ensure that her knowledge remains up to date. As a result, there are breaches to the requirements.
- Although the childminder has attended a child protection training course, there are gaps in her knowledge and understanding of how to safeguard children. She does not have secure knowledge of how to identify some of the possible signs and behaviours that may alert her that a child is at risk of harm. The childminder is not secure in her knowledge of how to respond appropriately to a concern about a child or in the event of an allegation made against her.
- The childminder demonstrates weak knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She is unable to talk confidently about the different areas of learning and shows limited knowledge of how children learn. She demonstrates a poor understanding of how to plan an effective curriculum to ensure children benefit from meaningful learning across all areas.
- The childminder does not reflect on her practice effectively and has not kept up to date with changes in the early years foundation stage requirements.
- The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how to develop partnerships with parents and share information with them about their child's care and development. She understands the benefits of sharing information with other settings that children attend, to provide continuity in their care and learning.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates suitable knowledge of how to manage children's behaviour. She explains how she will use visual prompts and hold discussions with children to help them understand the rules in her setting.
- The childminder has a suitable understanding of how to support children to become independent in managing their own personal needs, such as encouraging them to put on their own coats and shoes.
- The childminder describes how she will carry out daily risk assessments of her home and garden to identify and remove any possible hazards.
- The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle through healthy eating and regular physical activity.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

**To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and
Childcare Register the provider must:**

	Due date
improve safeguarding knowledge, including how to identify and respond appropriately and without delay, to any concerns regarding a child or allegations made against an adult working with children	25/03/2024
ensure that appropriate professional development opportunities are undertaken to improve knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements, including how to provide a well-designed curriculum to promote children's learning in all areas.	25/03/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY225337
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10312410
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	30 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2002 and lives in Radlett. She operates from Monday to Friday, term time only. Sessions are from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Marisa White

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 childminder showed the inspector all areas of their new premises and discussed how they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed the curriculum and the childminder's intentions for children's learning.
- The inspector reviewed relevant documentation.

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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