

Childminder report

Inspection date:

14 November 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (enforcement)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has taken action to address the weaknesses raised at the last inspection. She has ensured that her policies are up to date and in line with the local safeguarding partners. The childminder demonstrates that she uses these policies to gather the relevant information that she may need. She knows how to identify signs of abuse and how to respond to them to protect children's welfare. The childminder knows what to do in the event of an allegation against herself or a member of the household.
- The childminder carries out daily risk assessments on the areas that are used by the children. This helps to ensure that any hazards to children are minimised so they can enjoy playing safely. She understands her role in teaching children how to manage their own safety both in the home and outside. She teaches children about the importance of road safety as they walk back to her home from school.
- The childminder describes how she supports children to develop positive behaviour. She sets clear boundaries and rules for children to follow so they learn to share the toys and resources. The childminder recognises the importance of acknowledging and celebrating children's achievements. She explains how this helps children to develop positive attitudes to learning.
- The childminder understands the importance of planning activities that she knows children are interested in. She explains how she complements the learning that takes place in school. The childminder is aware of what children are learning and needs to learn next to help them build on their existing knowledge and skills. She recognises the need for children to relax in her home after a busy day at school. The childminder offers an inclusive service and describes how she helps children learn to respect and value differences between themselves and others.
- The childminder understands the importance of continuing her professional development. Since her last inspection, she has focused on improving her safeguarding knowledge through training and reading relevant information.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents to share information about their child's day. She has a range of ways to communicate with parents, including daily conversations and through messaging systems so that children receive a good level of consistent care.

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	EY245543
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10301870
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	5 to 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	11
Date of previous inspection	17 January 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Colchester, Essex. She operates during school term time, from 7.30am to 9am, and from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Shelly McDougall

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector viewed areas of the home used for childminding. She talked with the childminder about resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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