

Childminder report

Inspection date:

17 January 2024

**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 role to plan appropriate learning experiences to help children to develop the skills they need in readiness for school. She describes how to adapt experiences to meet the needs of all children, and how she would provide an ambitious curriculum for them. The childminder has had previous experience and knows her responsibility to complete and share a written progress check for two-year-old children.
- The childminder understands her responsibility to keep children safe and protected from harm. She regularly updates her safeguarding training and is aware of how to identify if a child is at risk of harm. The childminder has a clear safeguarding policy and knows how to report her concerns to the relevant local safeguarding partners.
- The childminder explains the importance of teaching children to keep themselves healthy and develop their self-care skills. She describes how she ensures that children wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- The childminder describes how she places a priority on supporting children's communication development. She demonstrates a secure understanding of promoting children's vocabulary by singing, speaking clearly and using the correct word for things.
- The childminder knows the importance of teaching children to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. For example, providing them with regular trips to local parks, walks in the community and daily access to her garden. She explains how she will work in partnership with parents to ensure that children benefit from healthy snacks and meals.
- The childminder understands how to offer an inclusive service to help children learn to value each other's differences. She explains how children have opportunities to learn about various cultural and religious festivals throughout the year, particularly those that reflect children's backgrounds.
- The childminder has high expectations for the children in her care. She recognises her role in teaching children to behave well and respect others. The childminder describes effective strategies to promote positive behaviour, such as teaching them to use good manners, setting clear boundaries and being a positive role model.

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	EY248379
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10308133
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	8 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	29 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Pirton, near Hitchin. She operates from 7.30am until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lorraine Pike

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 her evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures that they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector had discussions with the childminder about how to safeguard children and how to promote their learning and development.
- The childminder provided all necessary documentation and discussed this with the inspector.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder to ensure that she remains suitable for registration.

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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