

Childminder report

Inspection date:

18 August 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 has a thorough understanding of her responsibility to safeguard children. She knows the potential signs and symptoms of abuse, including risks associated with exposure to extreme views. The childminder knows the procedures to follow if she needs to refer any concerns about a child's welfare to the relevant authorities. She explains how she carries out regular risk assessments of her home and garden to ensure that children are safe in her care.
- The childminder demonstrates a detailed knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She describes how she uses online learning to refresh her knowledge and skills. The childminder explains how she uses a range of teaching strategies to match children's individual learning styles. She has systems in place to observe and monitor children's progress and to swiftly identify any gaps in their development.
- The childminder intends to use children's interests and abilities to inform her planning and provide activities that excite them. She describes some of the activities that she aims to do with children, such as trips to the local library to promote children's love for books. In addition, the childminder intends to organise regular visits to the local supermarket. She explains how children can learn to make healthy food choices when they select and purchase food for their meals.
- The childminder places a strong emphasis on children learning about environmental issues, such as how to recycle items. She is keen for children to develop a keen sense of responsibility and know how their actions can positively impact the planet.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's physical well-being. She describes how she intends to provide daily opportunities for children to enjoy fresh air and exercise. The childminder explains how she will also support children's social skills through indoor and outdoor team games.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. She describes how she will help younger children to recognise their emotions and older ones to learn to self-regulate their feelings. The childminder recognises the importance of helping children acquire good manners, build positive relationships and value each other's differences.
- The childminder understands how to use daily routines to assist children to become independent and develop positive attitudes to learning. She knows the skills children need for their future development and explains how to support these. For example, she describes the importance of teaching children how to put on and fasten their coats and shoes by themselves.
- The childminder values working in partnership with parents and outside agencies when needed. She explains how she can seek advice and support from the local authority. The childminder acknowledges the positive impact this partnership working has on children's ongoing learning and development.

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	EY266859
Local authority	West Sussex
Inspection number	10289389
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 10
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	9
Date of previous inspection	23 November 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003. She lives in East Grinstead, West Sussex. She operates Monday to Friday, before and after school only, during term time. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3. She employs an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sonia Panchal

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 viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder discussed how she would plan and provide an appropriate curriculum for young children.
- The childminder explained how she would keep children safe.
- 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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