

Childminder report

Inspection date:

30 June 2025

**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 clear curriculum in place that supports children to be prepared for their next stage of learning. She discusses how she will plan activities and routines that support children to develop vital skills such as independence and the ability to follow appropriate self-care routines. The childminder explains how the activities she plans to support children's learning and development are based around their interests as she knows this is how children learn best.
- The childminder discusses the strategies she will use to support children to understand appropriate behaviours. She will provide positive reinforcement such as praise and sticker charts to recognise children's appropriate behaviour. The childminder understands how children's emotions can impact their behaviour. She explains how she will encourage children to discuss their feelings and explore more appropriate ways for them to express themselves.
- The childminder monitors children's progress well from the time they first start in her care. She works with parents to identify children's abilities, their early experiences and how these can impact their development. All essential assessments are completed as appropriate and shared with parents and other professionals where necessary. The childminder's ongoing assessments of children's learning are robust and enable her to identify when children may be falling behind and take swift action, including seeking support and advice from other professionals.
- The childminder encourages healthy eating in her setting. She provides children with healthy nutritious meals and snacks. Children have lots of access to outdoor and physical play opportunities in the safe garden and on trips out to parks, zoos and farms. These activities encourage children to follow healthy lifestyles.
- The childminder works hard to establish close and respectful relationships with parents and other professionals involved in children's development. She discusses how she shares information with parents verbally and via an online communication platform. When children start, the childminder gathers essential information about children's needs, interests, and routines. She understands how this will support them to settle well in her care and for her to provide appropriate teaching based on their individual needs.
- The childminder has a robust understanding of safeguarding procedures and the correct referral process to follow when escalating concerns. She confidently discusses how she might identify when children are at risk from harm, including wider safeguarding concerns such as radicalisation. The childminder ensures her environment is safe for all children by using age-appropriate equipment and resources. She has extensive experience of supporting children with severe allergies and discusses the strategies she has in place, including providing all meals and snacks to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

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	EY275115
Local authority	Central Bedfordshire
Inspection number	10398305
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	14 October 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Leighton Buzzard. She holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Antonia Campbell

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements of children.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation including evidence of essential training.

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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