

Childminder report

Inspection date:

15 August 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The experienced childminder shows a clear understanding of how young children learn. She explains in detail how she will plan exciting activities based on children's needs, abilities and interests. The childminder has an extensive selection of age-appropriate resources for children to access independently. She appreciates the value of providing children with a variety of experiences, such as visiting local parks, toddler groups and library.
- The childminder confidently discusses how she will assess what children know and can do. She is aware of what action to take if she identifies any gaps in their development. She demonstrates appropriate knowledge of the required assessments, such as completing the progress check for children aged between two and three years old.
- The childminder recognises the importance of having a strong partnership with parents. She will gather information about children from parents before they start with her. The childminder will use this to plan activities that engage children and build on their knowledge. She explains how she will use daily feedback to support learning at home.
- The childminder describes how she keeps her knowledge up to date and refreshes her skills. For example, she attends training courses and completes her own online research and, following her last inspection, has a current paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The childminder explains how she will manage children's behaviour, describing how she will help them to resolve conflict for themselves. For instance, she says that she will regularly share her house rules with them. She describes how she will use consistent and positive language to support their growing understanding of how their behaviour may impact on others.
- The childminder's house and garden are safe and secure. She explains that she carries out risk assessments, to ensure that the environment is safe for children. The childminder describes how she would keep children safe when they leave her home to visit the local area. For example, she plans to teach children about road safety.
- It was evident through discussion that the childminder has a good understanding of how to keep children in her care safe from harm or abuse, if she was ever concerned. She understands the local procedures to follow to report her concerns.

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	EY284355
Local authority	Milton Keynes
Inspection number	10355174
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	3 to 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	20 November 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in Haversham, Milton Keynes. She offers care on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am until 5pm, for most of the year. The childminder offers free early education for children aged, two, three and four years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kate Robertson

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision, including the aims and rationale for their curriculum.
- 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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