

Childminder Report

Inspection date	1 March 2016
Previous inspection date	28 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands the importance of building and maintaining partnerships with parents and other settings that children attend. She knows how to share information, in order to promote continuity in children's care and learning.
- The childminder has participated in extensive safeguarding training and is very secure in her understanding of child protection issues. She is clear about her duty to protect children and confident of the steps to take should concerns arise.
- The childminder fully understands the importance of supervising children during their time with her. She explains how she conducts daily risk checks of her provision, outings and activities, in order to ensure that children can play and explore in safety.
- The childminder knows how to observe and assess children's skills from the start, in order to plan purposeful activities, linked with their interests and promote their next steps in learning. She understands how to monitor children's ongoing progress.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of the areas of learning and understands how children learn through play. Planning records, learning journals and photographs, relating to older children demonstrate that activities are varied. The childminder understands the importance of helping younger children to develop skills that they will need for school.
- The childminder knows how to promote children's health and well-being. She explains how she will plan a range of outdoor activities and provide home-made meals for children. She describes how she will teach them about nutrition and healthy lifestyles, for instance, through cooking and sport activities.
- The childminder explains how she will help children to develop social values and an understanding about the wider world and their community. She describes how she will promote children's independence skills.
- The childminder has addressed the recommendation from her last inspection. She reflects on her practice and is aware of the importance of involving parents and children and seeking their views. She explains how she participates in training to continuously improve her service and provision.

There were no children 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 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.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed observations, assessments and planning with the childminder and how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector viewed the indoor and outdoor areas to be used for childminding.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the care she provides. She looked at policies and documentation, including insurance details, training certificates and evidence of the suitability of household members.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY289280
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	861333
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	5 - 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	28 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2004 and lives in Croxley Green. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6.15pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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