

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 March 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 demonstrates a secure understanding of her responsibilities to safeguard children. She keeps her knowledge up to date with regular training. She can identify potential signs and symptoms of abuse and/or neglect and knows how to report a concern about the welfare of a child. The childminder ensures that she has suitable systems in place to keep the setting free from hazards, such as regular risk assessments. The childminder demonstrates good understanding of how to keep children with allergies or medical requirements safe.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. Robust settling-in procedures ensure that the childminder gets to know the children well. She designs her curriculum based on the children's needs and interests. There are effective systems in place to monitor and assess children's development to ensure they make good progress. The childminder makes sure her provision is an inclusive environment for all children, including children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder understands the importance of ensuring that children receive a rich set of experiences to support their learning and development. She attends playgroups, singing sessions and activities at local children's centres to support children to develop their social skills. Trips to woodlands encourage children to explore their natural environment, as they collect conkers and enjoy painting them. This supports children to develop an understanding of the world around them.
- The childminder prides herself on developing close bonds with the families. Parents speak fondly of the childminder. They value the safe environment she provides for their children to learn and develop. Parents comment she is flexible and very accommodating. The childminder keeps parents informed about their children's progress by sharing photos and discussing next steps. This helps parents to continue their children's learning at home.
- The childminder understands how to prepare children for their future learning and to gain the necessary skills for starting school. She supports children to be independent with their self-care tasks, such as dressing, handwashing and feeding themselves. Children learn how to behave well with clear expectations. They learn to be respectful of their environment as they tidy away toys and share resources with their peers.
- The childminder has detailed policies and procedures in place to keep children safe. She readily shares these with parents when they first start. The childminder understands her responsibilities to keep her professional knowledge and requirements up to date and carries out regular online training. She has established links with a local childminding network, which helps her keep up to date with information.

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	EY315322
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10279972
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	7 August 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2005 and lives in Cheshunt. She operates all year round, from 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3 and provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children, but no children present are in receipt of funding.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Emily Woodhead

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 childminder and inspector held discussions regarding safeguarding children.
- The inspector reviewed relevant documentation, such as the childminder's qualifications and insurance documents.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how the childminder supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector took account of written feedback provided by parents.
- The inspector had a tour of the areas of the premises that the childminder uses for childminding.

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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