

Inspection date	5 February 2015
Previous inspection date	22 March 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage to enable her to plan effectively for children's individual needs. She has suitable arrangements in place to track children's progress across the areas of learning.
- The childminder understands that assessments of children's learning and development, including the progress check completed for children aged between two and three years, must be undertaken in partnership with parents.
- The childminder is knowledgeable about the documentation and records she needs to keep to support children's welfare, learning and development. She has a wide range of written policies and procedures, which are shared with parents and inform her practice.
- The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, a suitable awareness of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This includes the safe supervision of children, valuing each child's needs and of notifying Ofsted of significant incidents and changes to the provision.
- The childminder is kind and caring and understands the importance of creating strong, trusting relationships with children. She works closely with parents to learn children's routines, to support families and to help children settle in her care.
- The childminder has created positive partnerships with other professionals in order to share ideas and discuss good practice. As a result, she reflects upon the care and learning opportunities she offers to children and continuously works to further improve on her good practice.

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 with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will undertake children's assessment, monitor their development and plan activities to promote their learning.
- The inspector viewed the indoor areas to be used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to promote the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She looked at insurance details, training certificates and checked the evidence of suitability for household members.

Inspector

Tina Mason

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY335736
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	878149
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	22 March 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2006. The childminder operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays agreed in advance.

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