

Childminder report

Inspection date:

10 November 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder explains how she ensures all parts of the premises used for childminding are safe, secure and suitable for their purpose. She carries out daily risk assessments and checks toys and resources before they are put away. The front gate is always locked, so unauthorised adults cannot enter the premises. The childminder explains that she would ensure children are well supervised at all times.
- The childminder understands the importance of monitoring children's development and identifying what they need to learn next to help them to make progress. She explains how she would use what she knows about each child to plan a range of activities, which builds on their individual interests and emerging skills.
- The childminder understands the importance of evaluating her provision. She will listen and observe children to find out what they are learning and what works well. The childminder will consider children's interests and how they use the resources. She will use this information to adapt her provision and activities accordingly, so she can support all children to make progress.
- The childminder explains how she is continuing to keep her knowledge up to date and to equip her to work with younger children. This includes completing courses on speech and language, the role of the key person and understanding behaviour.
- The childminder places a high priority on providing an inclusive environment. For example, she explains how she taught children sign language, so they could communicate with children with hearing difficulties. The childminder describes how she would teach children to respect others and consider those who may be different from themselves. She plans to visit groups and libraries, so younger children have opportunities to meet others in the community.
- The childminder intends to liaise with parents to find out what children already know and can do when they start. She would continue to work with parents to identify where children may need extra support. She has a clear understanding of working with other agencies for assistance, if necessary. The childminder intends to have a daily communication book to share information with parents and other settings children may attend.
- The childminder is aware of actions to take if she has safeguarding concerns about a child. She will keep accurate records and make referrals where necessary. The childminder would follow local child protection procedures to ensure children receive appropriate support. She knows who to contact in the event of any allegations about herself or other adults living in her home.

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	EY384873
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10235264
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	6 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	20 December 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2008 and lives in Sible Hedingham, Essex. She operates all year round, from Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder operates from 3.15pm until 6pm, after school hours only. She holds a childcare qualification at level 2.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Fiona Sapler

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 provision.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how they ensure their premises are safe and suitable.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- The inspector viewed key documentation, including evidence of the childminder's suitability and her first-aid certificate.
- The childminder told the inspector about her self-evaluation process and how she plans to continue to make improvements.

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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