

Childminder report

Inspection date: 22 July 2025

The quality and standards of early years provision	This inspection	Met
	Previous inspection	Met

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder ensures that her environment is safe and suitable for children of all ages, who attend her setting. She discusses the use of age-appropriate equipment that is available. The childminder has a strong understanding of how to implement safe practices when she takes children on their walk to and from school. For example, she teaches children to walk in a line, hold a partner's hand and cross roads safely.
- The childminder describes how she adopts a consistent and positive approach to managing children's behaviour. She explains how she works with parents to establish appropriate strategies in a coordinated way. The childminder discusses how she uses positive reinforcement to encourage appropriate behaviour and consistently models good manners in her interactions when children are present.
- The childminder has a thorough understanding of her role in promoting children's understanding of healthy lifestyles. She discusses how she takes into account individual children's dietary requirements. The childminder ensures that when children arrive from school, they wash their hands and enjoy a nutritious snack. She describes this time as a social occasion, where children of all ages can talk about their favourite foods. The childminder is passionate about offering children plenty of opportunities for physical activity in her well-equipped garden.
- The childminder understands the importance of helping children appreciate and respect differences and similarities between people. She knows the significance of talking about a range of family structures, abilities and the challenges others may experience, to nurture an awareness of diversity. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how this supports children to develop inclusive, respectful and kind attitudes towards others.
- The childminder acknowledges the significance of supporting children to be independent, particularly in relation to managing their self-care routines. She knows how to help children with toilet training and establishing important hygiene habits. She understands how fostering independence from an early age builds children's self-confidence.
- The childminder recognises the importance of building strong, trusting relationships with parents and other professionals, such as children's nursery teachers, who are with them during the day. She understands how these partnerships contribute significantly to children's overall development and well-being. The childminder discusses a variety of communication methods she uses to keep parents informed and seeks an understanding of children's home experiences to enhance the quality of care she provides.
- The childminder ensures that her mandatory training is up to date for herself and for any assistants she employs. She recognises the importance of meeting regularly with her assistants to discuss their well-being and help identify any training opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills further. The childminder also remains committed to her own ongoing professional development and continues to expand her already extensive knowledge.

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	EY402605
Local authority	Buckinghamshire
Inspection number	10398868
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	4 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	18
Date of previous inspection	13 November 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in Amersham, Buckinghamshire. The childminder operates her service for five days a week, from 7.30am until 9am and after school from 3pm until 6pm, during term time only. She holds a home-based childcare certificate at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sonia Panchal

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the provision for children.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, such as the childminder's paediatric first-aid certificate and evidence of her suitability to work with children.
- The childminder showed the inspector the available toys and resources for children.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises intended 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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