

Childminder report

Inspection date:

14 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder ensures all areas of her setting are safe for children. She discusses the daily risk assessments she will complete to ensure the environment meets the needs of all children who attend. The childminder understands the importance of using age-appropriate equipment, both in her home and when on trips out.
- The childminder explains how she will seek feedback from parents and other professionals regarding the care she provides. She confirms that she will use this to identify areas to improve her practice so that it continues to meet the changing needs of children and families.
- The childminder discusses how she will support children to gather an understanding of appropriate behaviour. She explains that she herself will be a good role model, demonstrating polite and respectful behaviour. The childminder will use positive reinforcement to support children's behaviour, discussing with them the impact unwanted behaviour has on themselves and others.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of monitoring children's progress. She explains how conducting assessments will enable her to identify gaps in children's development. The childminder discusses how she will work closely with parents and other professionals. She understands how this will enable her to implement strategies to ensure children make good progress.
- The childminder understands the importance of supporting children to develop healthy lifestyles. She discusses the need to provide healthy meals and snacks that children will help prepare. The childminder will provide children with opportunities to be active. She explains how children will have continuous access to her secure garden and enjoy trips to local parks and zoos.
- The childminder understands the importance of establishing effective means of communication with families from the start. She discusses the detailed information she will gather about children's early experiences and how this will enable them to settle well in her care. The childminder explains the methods she will use to communicate with parents regarding children's progress and daily routines.
- The childminder has a good understanding of how children learn. She discusses how she will plan learning opportunities based on children's interests. The childminder explains how she will adapt activities to ensure she meets the needs of all children in her care.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the signs and symptoms that could indicate a child is at risk from harm. She explains the correct referral process to follow when escalating her concerns to the appropriate authorities. The childminder completes regular safeguarding and paediatric first-aid training to keep her knowledge up to date.

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	EY411655
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10311991
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	4
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	17 April 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Watford, Hertfordshire. She operates from Monday to Friday all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. Sessions are from 7am until 6pm. The childminder holds an appropriate childcare qualification at level 3. She provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Antonia Campbell

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including evidence of the suitability of those living at the premises and evidence of essential training.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements of children.

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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