

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 April 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has recently become the provider of a playschool and was not caring for children under his childminding registration at the inspection. However, he failed to notify Ofsted of a significant event within the required timescale, which is an offence. On this occasion, Ofsted are not taking any further action.
- The childminder has a sound understanding of how to safeguard children. He stays up to date with safeguarding training. He knows when to be concerned and how to report these to the relevant professionals and agencies.
- The childminder has a clear knowledge of how to plan an ambitious learning plan for all children. This includes children with special educational needs and/or disabilities or those who speak English as an additional language. He recognises the importance of involving parents in children's learning and how to work alongside agencies to meet the needs of children.
- There are clear processes in place for observing and assessing children's development. The childminder understands how to use this alongside what he knows about children to plan a purposeful learning environment.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of using a range of techniques when managing behaviour. For example, he understands how to use differing techniques to help children to learn to resolve conflicts.
- The childminder understands how to gather information from parents to make sure that he can provide individualised care and education for children. He has clear procedures in readiness for seeking details about children's requirements and developmental stages. This also includes those people who play an important role in the children's lives.
- Professional development remains a focus for the childminder. This includes completing courses to refresh his knowledge but also expanding to gain more knowledge and skills. For example, he is currently completing a recognised level 3 qualification in forest schooling. He intends to use this knowledge to provide children with a wide variety of experiences and activities out of doors.

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	EY417855
Local authority	Brighton and Hove
Inspection number	10337847
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	12
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	15 October 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in Portslade, East Sussex. He works with a co-childminder and they employ several assistants who work part time. The childminder holds a relevant childcare qualification at level 3. He operates throughout the year from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Helen Penticost

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 childminder discussed with the inspector how he supports children's learning and development.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The childminder and inspector had a discussion on how he intends to meet safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector viewed the provision for the safety and suitability of the premises.

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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