

Childminder report

Inspection date:

8 June 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder knows how to identify the signs of abuse and how to refer these to the local authority. However, her knowledge of other aspects of safeguarding, particularly the 'Prevent' duty, is not secure. She is not confident about how to identify any issues or where to refer her concerns to.
- The premises are very welcoming and well organised. The childminder has a large outdoor area that children can access freely. There is a large climbing frame for children to practise their physical skills. The garden area is secure and the childminder knows how to identify and minimise risks.
- The indoor environment provides a dedicated area for children for play. The childminder's pet dog is very much a part of her provision and can help children to learn about how to care for animals. The childminder has the correct safety equipment, including fire equipment. However, these are not all accessible and, therefore, are not easily available if required.
- The childminder understands the importance of having boundaries around behaviour expectations. For example, she has rules that children will be encouraged to follow, such as taking turns and sharing resources.
- The childminder knows how to promote children's independence. She understands the importance of encouraging children to go to the toilet and wash their hands independently. However, the childminder does not have suitable equipment for changing children who wear nappies.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. She knows how she can support children's language development, particularly children who speak English as an additional language.
- The childminder plans to take children out on outings to the beach and the park, where they can learn about their local area. She understands the need to risk assess to ensure children are safe on outings.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
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improve knowledge and understanding of all aspects of safeguarding, particularly the 'Prevent' duty	08/07/2022
ensure fire equipment is accessible and meets fire safety requirements	08/07/2022
ensure there is suitable equipment available for changing children who wear nappies.	08/07/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY418509
Local authority	Medway
Inspection number	10136649
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 14
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	14
Date of previous inspection	3 December 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Hoo, Rochester, Kent and operates all day from Monday to Friday, all year except bank and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Pippa Clark

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider 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.
- The inspector viewed the premises and discussed risk assessments with the childminder.
- The inspector held discussion with the childminder about her safeguarding knowledge.
- The inspector sampled documentation.

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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