

Childminder report

Inspection date:

16 February 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has thorough and clear safeguarding policies and procedures in place. She has made significant improvements in her knowledge of safeguarding since her last inspection. For example, she has attended safeguarding training, which included information about the 'Prevent' duty. She fully understands the signs and symptoms of all areas of abuse and what to be vigilant about. The childminder knows who to contact to seek advice and how to raise and follow up concerns. This includes having a clear understanding of how to manage any allegations against herself or other adults who live at the address.
- The childminder has a good knowledge of her full role and responsibilities. This includes understanding the importance of being aware of what a notifiable event is and contacting Ofsted when she is required to do so.
- The setting is safe and secure. The childminder has ensured that all fire equipment is accessible and meets fire safety regulations. The childminder will ensure that children know what is expected of them in the event of an emergency. For example, she will practise evacuating the building quickly and calmly with them from different exits of the address.
- There is a suitable and safe space for nappy changing and the childminder has ensured there is suitable equipment to change children safely and effectively. This includes having protective gloves to hand to ensure the changing procedures remain hygienic.
- The childminder understands the importance of building and maintaining positive relationships with parents. She recognises the benefits of keeping them fully involved and informed in their children's day. She plans to share regular information with parents about their children's achievements and next steps in their learning.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of the importance of establishing positive partnerships with other early years professionals. For instance, with parents permission she will share information with staff at settings children also attend. She recognises the benefits of providing children with a consistent approach to their shared care and learning.
- The childminder will reflect on her practice daily and include the views and suggestions of parents and children. She will use feedback to support her future practice. The childminder attends regular training to build on her confidence and knowledge. This includes being aware of safeguarding and child protection updates.
- The childminder intends to get to know children and what makes them unique. She will help children settle quickly and happily in her company. She will help them to develop positive attributes and values to support their future learning. For example, she will encourage them to be independent, polite and learn how to behave well.
- The childminder recognises the importance of carefully planning a wide range of experiences and opportunities to motivate children to learn. This includes in both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. For example, children will have

access to challenging climbing and balancing equipment and interesting games, such as air hockey.

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	EY418509
Local authority	Medway
Inspection number	10258245
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	3 to 10
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	10
Date of previous inspection	8 June 2022

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Hoo, Rochester, Kent. The childminder cares for children from Monday to Friday, from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 5.30pm, term time only.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Hawkins

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of her provision.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder the learning opportunities she intends to provide all children.
- The inspector viewed the indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- Written documentation was reviewed. This included safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.
- During the inspection, the inspector spoke to the childminder and considered her views.

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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