

Childminder report

Inspection date:

8 August 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 demonstrates through discussion a secure understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse, to enable her to safeguard children effectively. She keeps her knowledge current through regular safeguarding training and is confident in the procedures to follow if she needed to report concerns. The childminder is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment where children can play and learn safely.
- The childminder understands the importance of continuing to meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage. She ensures the ongoing suitability of all household members is monitored to maintain a safe environment for children.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the educational programmes and highlights the importance of planning a child-led curriculum that reflects children's developmental starting points. She values using children's interests as a way to keep them engaged and motivated, while supporting them to develop positive attitudes towards learning.
- The childminder recognises the value of building strong, positive relationships with parents and carers. She describes how she gathers key information from them before children start, to help ensure a smooth and reassuring transition. She emphasises the importance of keeping parents regularly informed about their child's care and learning progress.
- The childminder recognises the importance of establishing clear boundaries and expectations to support children in developing an understanding of appropriate behaviour, and the difference between right and wrong.
- The childminder understands how to support children in developing positive attitudes towards health and well-being. She explains that she will provide daily opportunities for outdoor play to promote children's physical development and social skills. Additionally, the childminder recognises the importance of teaching children about healthy eating and encouraging nutritious food choices.
- The childminder explains how she supports children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She discusses the importance of a multi-agency approach to ensure that children have the support that they need. The childminder works with a network of local childminders as a support system for guidance and advice.
- The childminder explains that she stays informed about changes in early education policy by attending training and regularly reading up-to-date guidance and professional literature.
- The childminder explains that she uses a child-led settling-in approach, working closely with parents to tailor sessions based on each child's needs, to help them to build secure and positive attachments.

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	EY435508
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10399067
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	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	19 November 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2011 and lives in Benfleet. She operates all year round, from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Keiley Pedro

Inspection activities

- The childminder gave the inspector a tour of the area to be used for childminding, and explained how she maintains a safe and suitable environment for children.
- The childminder and inspector discussed how she intends to deliver the curriculum.
- The childminder and inspector spoke about how the childminder meets the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how she will support partnerships with parents, children's behaviour and children's learning.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the training she has completed and how it will influence and enhance her practice.

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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