

Childminder report

Inspection date:

24 April 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. She describes how she uses the information she gathers about children's starting points and interests to plan a motivating and exciting curriculum.
- The childminder recognises her responsibility to work alongside parents. She talks about the importance of establishing good communications with them to help to promote children's progress. She explains documentation that she would share with parents, such as the statutory progress check for children aged two and information about children's special achievements.
- The childminder understands the importance of preparing children for the next stages in their education. For instance, she talks about how to teach children the self-help and self-care skills they need to manage simple tasks, such as dressing and undressing, or toileting independently.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of how to promote children's welfare. For example, she has clear policies and procedures in place for administering first aid and medications. She has arrangements in place for children to have good quality sleep in a manner which matches their care patterns at home.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of how to promote children's positive behaviour. For example, she talks about having high expectations and consistently applying these in her practice. She describes how she uses praise to recognise children's achievements, which in turn helps to boost their self-esteem.
- Through discussion, the childminder shows that she knows how to minimise risks to children. For instance, she explains how she risk assesses her home to ensure that toys are safe and age-appropriate for the children attending. The childminder talks about the arrangements she has in place, should she take children on an outing. For example, she reviews where she will visit before attending. She takes equipment such as a first-aid kit with her and she has clear rules and boundaries for children.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of child protection. She recognises her responsibility to protect children's welfare and she completes relevant training to keep her knowledge up to date. The childminder is able to talk about different signs and symptoms of abuse and she is familiar with local safeguarding partnership procedures should she need to refer a concern about children or respond to any potential allegation against herself.
- The childminder demonstrates a positive attitude to her own professional development. Through discussion, she shows how she networks with others to share positive practice. She also completes training, for example online courses, which help her to develop her knowledge and skills.

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	EY451016
Local authority	Buckinghamshire
Inspection number	10285628
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	1 to 4
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	12 October 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire. The childminder operates all year round from 8am to 6pm from Tuesday to Friday. She accepts funding for the free provision of education for children aged two, three and four years. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lisa Dailey

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 showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable when children are attending.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector and childminder discussed the learning and development and safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The childminder talked about the professional development she has completed to keep her knowledge and skills up to date.

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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