

Childminder report

Inspection date:

3 April 2024

**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 a strong awareness of how to safeguard children. She speaks confidently about the process to follow should she need to raise concerns about children's welfare. She intends to hold open and honest discussions with families to support the well-being of the children she cares for. She demonstrates a strong understanding of her local community and the possible issues to be aware of. This results in a positive culture towards safeguarding.
- The childminder speaks about how she plans to use the information she will gather from parents when children start. This will help her to identify children's initial starting points. She intends to form professional relationships with the parents and keep them informed about the progress their children make. She plans to work with parents to promote positive behaviour, sharing strategies to provide children with consistent messages.
- The childminder recognises the importance of closing any gaps in children's learning and development. She speaks about the wealth of opportunities she can offer to children. For instance, she has access to an allotment where children can learn about where the food they eat comes from. She intends to cook with children, so that they can use the food they pick from the allotment to create healthy meals.
- Working in partnership with other professionals is important to the childminder. She speaks about her experience attending appointments with parents to share relevant information. She provides parents with support and uses her strong knowledge of child development to help parents to understand the importance of seeking professional support when needed. This benefits children's overall development.
- The childminder speaks about how she intends to plan relevant activities for young children. She understands how to keep children engaged in the activities she provides. For instance, she plans to use children's interests to provide appropriate learning opportunities. She intends to monitor the progress children make, which will help her to plan for their next steps appropriately.
- The childminder holds an appropriate paediatric first-aid qualification. She recognises the importance of keeping her knowledge up to date. The childminder intends to complete further professional training. She aims to ensure this is relevant to the needs of the children she will care for.

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	EY465254
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10305797
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	5 to 6
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	6 April 2023

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2013. She operates Tuesday to Thursday during term time, from 7am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jenny Hardy

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder intends to organise their early years provision, including the aims and rationale for their EYFS curriculum.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector and childminder held discussions regarding safeguarding children.

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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