

Childminder report

Inspection date:

3 August 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, following her previous inspection, has attended safeguarding training to improve her knowledge of the local safeguarding partnership reporting procedures. She knows what to do if she has concerns about a child's welfare and for allegations made against adults. The childminder now has a safeguarding children policy and complaints procedure in place. She explains how she will share this with parents.
- The childminder knows the importance of developing positive relationships with parents. For instance, she plans to offer a home visit to obtain information about children's individual starting points. The childminder explains how she will use her observations of children to identify some next steps for their learning. She plans to share children's ongoing interests with parents to support their learning at home.
- The childminder has made good progress to improve her understanding about the seven areas of learning. She has a range of resources that are appropriate for the ages of children she is registered for. The childminder knows how these can be used to progress the abilities of all children, such as regularly looking at different types of books. She understands the importance of singing songs, and rhymes to help develop children's communication and language development.
- The childminder plans to give children daily access to fresh air and exercise to support their health and well-being. For example, children will be able to play in her front and back garden and visit the local park to learn about the world around them. The childminder has a good range of resources to reflect diversity. She plans to celebrate different festivals and Black History Month, to give children an awareness of the similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she has a very good understanding of how to promote children's good health. She knows which foods and drinks are good for children's oral health. The childminder plans to share stories and engage children in activities about caring for their teeth and visiting the dentist.
- The childminder shows a secure knowledge of how to promote positive behaviour. She aims to teach children what is expected of them and encourage good social manners. For example, the childminder plans to role model please and thank you to help children learn to respect the needs of others. She knows to use praise to help motivate children in their learning and raise children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The childminder understands the importance of seeking advice from other professionals to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She is eager to learn about new activities that she can introduce to her practice. For instance, the childminder has increased her knowledge about play with food to develop better sensory processing 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	EY474943
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10258338
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	5
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	9 September 2022

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2014. She lives in Dartford, Kent. The childminder cares for children Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 6pm, throughout the year, except for family and bank holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jane Winnan

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 provider.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, such as the childminder's public liability insurance and paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The inspector read the childminder's safeguarding policy and complaints procedure.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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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