

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder is familiar with the signs and symptoms of children at risk of abuse and/or neglect. However, she is unable to demonstrate knowledge of the local safeguarding partnership procedures. For example, she does not know the relevant agencies to contact if she is concerned about a child's welfare. Additionally, she is unaware of the process to follow in the event of an allegation against herself or a member of her household.
- The childminder does not have a written safeguarding or complaints policy in place, which is a requirement of her registration.
- The childminder demonstrates limited knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. For instance, she is not able to talk about the seven areas of learning or how to implement these in the curriculum.
- The childminder recognises the importance of children learning about healthy lifestyles. She discussed how she plans to provide nutritious meals for children and to talk to them at mealtimes about a balanced diet.
- The childminder demonstrates through discussion her understanding of the importance of children feeling safe and secure. She explains how praise and encouragement support children to feel valued.
- The childminder knows how to support children through a range of transitions, such as starting at the setting and moving on to school. She recognises that this supports children's confidence and emotional well-being.
- Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a secure knowledge of how to promote positive behaviour. She describes professional development that she has completed to help her with this.

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.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
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develop knowledge of the local safeguarding partnership procedures to follow in the event of safeguarding concerns, including managing allegations against adults	23/09/2022
have and follow a written child protection policy	23/09/2022
have and follow a written complaints policy	23/09/2022
develop knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage, including the seven areas of learning and how to implement these in the curriculum.	09/11/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY474943
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10228881
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	21 October 2016

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

Michaela Borland

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 it is safe and suitable.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of those living in the premises.
- 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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