

Childminder report

Inspection date:

31 January 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Inadequate

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has worked hard to improve her childminding provision since the last inspection. She has re-organised her resources and equipment to be more easily accessible to the children she cares for. The childminder has reviewed where younger children sleep and now ensures that they have a safe place to rest. The childminder has developed her understanding of how children learn. She now recognises the importance of using the information she knows about a child to plan for their ongoing learning.
- The childminder talks confidently about how she has strengthened her partnership working with other settings that children attend. She now introduces herself to the other provision and requests to work with them to share information about any children who attend both settings.
- The childminder is knowledgeable about her responsibility with regards to protecting and safeguarding children. She regularly updates her safeguarding knowledge, for example through training and research. The childminder understands wider safeguarding issues, such as the risks of families being drawn into radicalisation. She teaches children about online safety.
- The childminder talks confidently about how she communicates with parents who use her childminding provision. She demonstrates how she shares daily updates with parents and encourages them to share events, photos and special occasions from home. The childminder seeks the views of parents to help her to improve her provision.
- The childminder recognises the importance of enhancing children's experiences. She makes good use of the local area and places of interest when caring for children. The childminder talks about the trips and outings she arranges for children. For example, she takes them to the local parks, the beach and toddler groups.
- The childminder is committed to continuously improving her knowledge and provision for children. She seeks advice from other registered childminders and undertakes a range of online training. The childminder accesses support from the local authority to help her to understand her role and to raise the quality of her childcare provision further.

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	EY545970
Local authority	Southend-on-Sea
Inspection number	10205898
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 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	12 August 2021

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2017. She lives in Westcliff-On-Sea, Essex. The childminder operates Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder, occasionally, works with assistants.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Lynn Hughes

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider 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 inspector viewed the areas of the home used for childminding. She viewed a range of resources and talked with the childminder about risk assessment.
- The inspector looked at a sample of appropriate documentation, including the suitability of all adults associated with the childminder's setting.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about her continuous improvement and training.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about her understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare, and learning and development.

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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