

Inspection date	2 February 2015
Previous inspection date	7 March 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	Not met

The setting **meets legal requirements for early years settings**

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a suitable awareness of her responsibilities in meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements. She carries out appropriate risk assessments to make sure any hazards are minimised. The childminder holds public liability insurance and a current paediatric first-aid certificate to keep children safe.
- The childminder has attended safeguarding training so has a sound understanding of child protection issues, and knows the procedures to follow if she has a concern about the well-being of a child.
- The childminder understands the learning and development requirements. She knows how to use observations and assessments to identify children's achievements and how to use the information to support progress in all areas of learning.
- The childminder's home is well maintained, and she knows how to make it welcoming to a range of children. Although many resources are currently in storage, the childminder explains how she organises play materials so that children can select things for themselves, indoors and in the garden.
- The childminder fully understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and other professionals, to provide consistent care and learning to children.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting children's health and well-being. She describes daily opportunities for outdoor play and knows how to provide for children's individual dietary needs to maintain their good health.
- The childminder understands how to drive improvement through evaluating her practice and by completing training courses to update her knowledge and skills.

There were no children 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 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.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector looked around the premises.
- The inspector viewed evidence of the suitability and qualifications of the childminder and her family, risk assessment and other documentation in relation to health and safety checks.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she monitors her provision and develops partnerships with parents and other professionals.

Inspector

Patricia Champion

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY285519
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	965034
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	7 March 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2004. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder occasionally offers overnight care.

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