

Childminder report

Inspection date:

5 February 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder does not have a sufficiently clear understanding of the local area child protection guidance and reporting procedures, such as for allegations against adults. She lacks knowledge of the wider safeguarding issues. The childminder does not have a safeguarding policy to help communicate to parents and others how she plans to safeguard the welfare of children. Additionally, the childminder does not keep her public liability insurance up to date as required.
- The childminder has some basic knowledge of how children learn and develop and plans to provide some age-appropriate resources. However, she does not have a good enough knowledge of how to offer a suitably challenging programme to promote all areas of children's learning and development.
- The childminder and her assistant plan to develop positive relationships with parents. They understand to collect children's starting points when children first start, to help them settle. The childminder knows to use her observations and assessments of children for the progress check for two-year-old children, to share with parents and the health visitor.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear knowledge of how to promote children's healthy lifestyles through regular exercise and eating well. She understands the importance of carrying out regular risk assessments to keep the premises safe and secure for children. She holds a current paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The childminder shows a suitable understanding of how to promote positive behaviour and develop children's confidence and self-esteem. For instance, she plans to encourage children to play cooperatively with each other and teach them to respect others.
- Although the childminder attends mandatory training, she does not maintain her professional development to keep her knowledge up to date with changes that occur in the sector. The childminder plans to meet regularly with her assistant and carry out supervision to help her evaluate the quality of her provision.

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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gain a secure knowledge of local area child protection guidance and reporting procedures, including the risks associated with extreme beliefs and behaviours	01/03/2022
ensure that the safeguarding children policy intended to safeguard children is in place	01/03/2022
maintain public liability insurance cover	01/03/2022
improve knowledge of the learning and development requirements to be able to deliver high-quality educational programmes to children.	01/03/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY397610
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10136565
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory 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	12 December 2014

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2009. She lives in Dartford, Kent. The childminder works with an assistant and operates from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round. The childminder currently has no children on roll.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jane Winnan

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector was shown the areas of the premises to be used for childminding purposes.
- The inspector met with the childminder and her assistant to discuss the service she intends to offer and how she plans to evaluate its effectiveness.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder her knowledge of the learning and development and the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector sampled documentation, including the complaints policy and the documents she intends to use to promote children's learning and welfare.

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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