

Childminder report

Inspection date:

21 February 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Outstanding

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of safeguarding. She has a secure knowledge of the possible signs and indicators that a child may be at risk. The childminder knows the procedures to follow to report any concerns about a child's welfare. Her home is safe and secure for children.
- The childminder understands the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She demonstrates, through discussion, how she intends to plan activities that interest and motivate children and will support their learning.
- The childminder understands how to observe and assess children's progress. She describes how she will use children's interests to plan activities and promote the next steps in their learning. The childminder describes the broad range of techniques she will use to encourage children to talk and express themselves.
- The childminder understands the importance of providing children with opportunities to connect with the natural world in the wider community. She plans to visit local parks, woodland walks to go puddle jumping when it has been raining, soft-play centres and to toddler gym sessions. She realises that this offers children first-hand experiences of life and growth and encourages them to use their senses as they explore.
- The childminder understands the importance of maintaining effective professional development. For example, she continues to complete relevant training and research to extend her skills and knowledge, in order to enhance her teaching practice and children's learning.
- The childminder aims to create an inclusive approach at the setting. She recognises the benefits of valuing and respecting children's similarities and differences.
- The childminder knows the importance of working with parents to extend children's learning and share the progress children make. She understands the importance of evaluating the quality of care and education she provides and values feedback from parents.

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	151555
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10136295
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	0
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	26 January 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2001 and she lives in Northfleet, near Gravesend, Kent. She cares for children between the hours of 7.30am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round. The childminder has a relevant level 3 qualification.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kimberley Luckham

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the setting 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 her evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector and the childminder completed a learning walk and discussed how she organises the setting.
- The inspector considered how the childminder plans to work in partnership with parents.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household. She viewed relevant documentation, including the childminder's public liability insurance and paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The inspector checked the childminder's 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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