

Childminder report

Inspection date:

28 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 is fully aware of her responsibility to keep children safe. She has a strong understanding of child protection issues and knows the procedure to follow if she has any concerns about a child's welfare. The childminder is knowledgeable about wider safeguarding issues, such as the 'Prevent' duty. She can confidently identify the signs of abuse that may indicate a child is at risk of being exposed to extreme views or behaviours.
- 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 is aware of the importance of teaching children about healthy lifestyles. For example, by providing healthy home-cooked meals and playing outside in the fresh air. The childminder aims to further extend children's learning outdoors. For instance, she plans on getting the children to help her plant and grow fruits and vegetables, such as rhubarb and potatoes. The childminder aims for children to help harvest the crops to use at snack and mealtimes.
- The childminder is highly reflective and constantly evaluates her practice. She understands the value of professional development. For example, she has used her training in the 'curiosity approach' to provide more diverse resources and activities for children to support them to extend their skills of perseverance and concentration even further.
- The childminder recognises the importance of sharing information about children's learning and development with parents and other settings they attend. She understands the need to gather information from parents about what their children already know and can do when they start.
- The childminder has an excellent understanding of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She plans to provide a broad curriculum that covers all seven areas of learning. The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, how she intends to plan activities that interest and motivate children to learn. For instance, she plans to take children on regular walks around her farm to become familiar with the different animals and learn about how they are cared for. She confidently explains how these enrichment activities will help children to develop an awareness of the world around them.
- The childminder is aware of how to support children's independence in readiness for their next stage in learning. She discusses how she plans on teaching children how to manage their self-care routines. For instance, teaching children to pour drinks at mealtimes and serve their own meals.

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	EY285285
Local authority	Wokingham
Inspection number	10137041
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	9
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2004. She lives in Barkham, Berkshire. The childminder operates Monday to Friday, from 7.45am to 6pm, all year round. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sarah Richards

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 childminder showed the inspector the areas of the premises that children will use and discussed the equipment and toys available.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The childminder showed the inspector the policies and procedures and documentation that she uses when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took account of evidence of suitability for persons living in the household.

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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