

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 March 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 a real advocate for promoting children's voices. She discusses the ways in which she intends to support younger children to express themselves. For example, she provides whiteboards for all children to add comments about their 'favourite things' to do, such as hunting for bugs.
- The childminder explains how she kept in contact with children during the COVID-19 pandemic. She created a group through video calls and online activities, to maintain their relationships.
- The childminder describes how she intends to support younger children to actively participate in making choices about their day. For example, sitting together to draw up a weekly menu. The childminder will use the opportunity to promote healthy eating during their discussion. Children can access a range of both factual and story books. The childminder explains how older children look forward to supporting younger ones as they read stories.
- The childminder shows good understanding of child development. She describes how she aims to provide for all areas of learning based upon children's interests. The childminder says that she encourages children to be physically active and enjoy climbing the bushes in the garden. They also benefit from being out in the local community and visits to the beach or a trip on the train.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour and helps them to listen to one another. They collaboratively talk about things they do not like, and the childminder encourages them to say 'stop' if they dislike another child's actions.
- The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge of how to safeguard children. She keeps her training up to date and has relevant contact details in her folder for easy reference. She has paperwork ready should she have concerns and is confident with how to refer concerns to the local authority. The childminder is vigilant and keeps her home safe by identifying and minimising risks.
- The childminder describes her open relationship with parents. She regularly checks children's menu choices with them to ensure they are happy. She sends out termly newsletters, detailing any changes and gives information. On occasion, parents will request that their child is offered support in an area of learning, and the childminder is happy to help.

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	EY480608
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	10219441
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	5 to 10
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	30 August 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder was registered in 2014 and lives in Saxmundham, Suffolk. She operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6.30pm on Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 5.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emily Holt

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 and the childminder completed a learning walk.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises that are used for childminding and the resources that the childminder provides.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including the childminder's insurance and current paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The inspector held a discussion with the childminder regarding safeguarding.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she plans to continue to evaluate her provision.

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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