

Childminder report

Inspection date:

16 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 welcoming and friendly. She maintains her home and resources to a very high standard, both indoors and outdoors. She is passionate about working with children, supporting their development, and giving every child in her care a wealth of experiences.
- The childminder has dedicated rooms for her childminding practice. She has a well-equipped garden, where children can enjoy a range of activities, including climbing, swinging and growing vegetables. In addition to her home and garden, the childminder makes good use of amenities in the local area. This includes playgroups, parks and museums within walking distance of her home.
- The childminder uses observations to find out about what children know and can do. She uses this information to determine their next steps in learning. The childminder has a comprehensive curriculum that supports children in all areas of their development.
- The childminder describes her approach to behaviour management as 'listening to children and giving them choices'. She does this from an early age, or when children are non-verbal, with a 'choices board' and use of visual timetables. The childminder has organised her home to provide calm quiet spaces where children can relax and reflect.
- The childminder discusses the importance of all children making good progress from their starting points. She talks about how she uses the settling-in period to identify children's stage of development and plans activities based upon these. She has good links with other professionals to ensure children can get additional support if required.
- The childminder provides home-cooked food from a nutritionally balanced menu. She can accommodate allergies and preferences easily. The childminder values the opportunity for everyone to sit together at the table where she supports children's conversation skills, table manners and the social aspect of mealtimes.
- The childminder evaluates her practice and reads about new approaches to early childhood development. This helps her to identify gaps in her knowledge which she swiftly addresses. The childminder has a clear and focused training plan to help her continuously improve her knowledge and skills. For example, she has recently completed a course in supporting children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder understands the important role parents play in their children's education. She explains how she will share their children's progress with parents. She provides parents with ideas and information to help them to support their children's development at home.
- The childminder has an excellent knowledge and understanding of how to keep children safe. She understands the importance of keeping her safeguarding knowledge up to date. The childminder has clear procedures to follow if she has concerns about the welfare of a child.

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	511060
Local authority	Tower Hamlets
Inspection number	10138236
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	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	23 February 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1997. She is located in Mile End, in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. She operates from 8am to 6pm every weekday throughout the year and can operate more flexibly if required.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Trina Lynskey

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 her home that are used for childminding and the resources she provides.
- The childminder discussed her curriculum with the inspector and explained how she intends to deliver educational programmes to children in her care.
- The inspector reviewed a sample of documentation, including the childminder's insurance, Disclosure and Barring Service checks and current paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The childminder discussed with the inspector how she plans to continue to evaluate her provision and attend training to build on her knowledge and skills.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will safeguard children.

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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