

Childminder report

Inspection date:

28 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 has a secure understanding of child protection. She understands how to recognise potential signs that children may be at risk of harm or extremist behaviour. The childminder confidently explains the procedures she would follow if she had any such concerns. She knows how to swiftly contact safeguarding agencies in her local area. The childminder undertakes regular training to help her keep her knowledge and understanding of child protection matters up to date.
- The childminder has a good understanding of how to support children's learning and development. She is clear about how she will develop her curriculum to build children's skills and knowledge. The childminder has a strong understanding of how to monitor the progress children make.
- The childminder places a strong emphasis on children playing and learning outdoors. She talks about how this gives children opportunities to explore the world and develop their large physical skills. When she cares for children, the childminder provides healthy and nutritious meals and snacks for children. They grow herbs and vegetables in the garden to further children's understanding of healthy food.
- The childminder understands the importance of sharing information with parents. This helps them to have a good understanding of how children are learning and developing. The childminder explains how she will work in partnership with other settings children attend, as this helps to support continuity in children's ongoing development.
- The childminder discusses how she reflects on and evaluates her practice to make plans for improvement. She will seek the views of children and parents and look for ways to incorporate their ideas. The childminder understands the importance of continuous professional development and undertakes training to help her to constantly develop her knowledge and teaching skills.
- The childminder shares how she will support children to develop their speaking and listening skills. She talks about how she will play alongside children to help to extend their vocabulary and build on their learning. The childminder will encourage children to share, take turns and communicate effectively with each other.

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	162283
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10198260
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	3 March 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2001 and lives in Bishops Stortford. She operates all year round from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder has a relevant childcare qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Jill Hardaker

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder 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 evaluations.
- The inspector and childminder looked at areas of the house and garden that are used when caring for children. They talked about how the childminder organises her environment and the learning opportunities she provides for children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder to consider her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation, including the childminder's safeguarding procedures, complaints policy and evidence of the suitability of household members.

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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