

Childminder report

Inspection date:

27 July 2022

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

**This
inspection**

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Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder maintains a very clean, safe and welcoming environment for children to play and learn in. She plans to use her experience and understanding of child development to challenge children and help them make the best possible progress. She explains how she intends to prepare children for school. For example, she will help children to develop their independence, self-confidence and manage their behaviour.
- Through discussion, the childminder describes how she intends to help children settle in her care. She understands the importance of gathering clear information from parents about their children when they start attending. The childminder talks about how she will build close relationships with the children, so they feel safe and secure in her home.
- The childminder understands the importance of helping children to develop their confidence and manage their own feelings and behaviour. She promotes equality and diversity and encourages children to be tolerant, kind and respectful.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of her role and responsibility to safeguard children and support their safety and well-being. She is aware of the local referral procedures and the action to take to protect children. The childminder confidently discusses wider safeguarding issues, such as on-line safety and her understanding of the 'Prevent' duty guidance.
- The childminder discusses the importance of providing children with healthy snacks and regular opportunities to be active outside in the fresh air, to promote healthy lifestyles. Children will be encouraged to be independent, learn good hygiene procedures and personal care skills.
- The childminder recognises the importance of developing good partnerships with parents and other professionals. She explains how she intends to keep parents up to date about their children's learning, and how she plans to help them to support their children's learning at home.
- The childminder regularly reflects on the quality of her practice to identify areas for further development. She recognises the need to continually improve and update her knowledge and skills. For example, she has identified that she would benefit from further training, such as improving her knowledge of the reformed early years foundation stage.

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	404178
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	10144066
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	27 February 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1996 and lives in Grays, Essex. She operates all year round, from 6am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jacqui Oliver

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the childminder.
- The childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how she ensures they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- Documentation, including suitability checks for members of the household, insurance and first-aid certificates, were looked at.
- The inspector reviewed with the childminder how she will safeguard children and how she will evaluate her provision to strive for continuous improvement.

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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