

Childminder report

Inspection date:

12 August 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 demonstrates a clear knowledge of how to keep children safe. She has up to-date knowledge and information regarding child abuse and wider safeguarding concerns. The childminder knows the procedures to follow if she has a concern about a child in her care. She undertakes regular training to help her keep her knowledge and understanding of child protection matters up to date.
- The childminder has in-depth knowledge of how young children learn. She demonstrates a good understanding of how to plan and deliver an engaging curriculum for them. When new children start at her setting, the childminder gathers comprehensive information from parents. She knows how to identify what children need to learn next to build on their early skills and experiences.
- Written feedback from parents shows that they are happy with the care and education the childminder and her co-minder provide for children. The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents to support continuity in children's care and learning.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of teaching children how to lead a healthy lifestyle. She talks about providing opportunities for children to adopt healthy lifestyles by being physically active, eating nutritious foods and keeping good hygiene routines.
- The childminder understands the importance of building positive relationships with children in her care. She talks about how she follows young children's routines at home, as this helps them to feel safe and secure.
- Strong recruitment and induction procedures help the childminder to employ assistants who are suitable to work with children, when she needs them. She understands the benefits of holding regular supervision meetings with assistants. This helps them to continually develop their knowledge and skills.
- The childminder works in close partnership with a co-minder. She talks about how they regularly discuss their ongoing practice and look at areas they want to develop further. The childminder understands the importance of continuous professional development and undertakes training to help her to constantly develop her knowledge and teaching skills.

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	EY442945
Local authority	Essex
Inspection number	10231818
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	19 September 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in Loughton, Essex. She operates all year round from 7.45am to 5.45pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder works with a co-childminder and has three registered assistants.

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 evaluation of her.
- The inspector and childminder looked at areas of the house and garden that are used for 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, such as the childminder's safeguarding procedures, complaints policy and evidence of the suitability of household members, co-minders and assistants.

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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