

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 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 understands how to provide a suitable curriculum and learning opportunities for children when they attend. She knows how to monitor children's development and plan for their individual needs and interests. The childminder recognises the importance of providing an inclusive and welcoming service.
- The childminder knows how to support children's health. She describes how she will provide children with healthy meals and regular opportunities for physical play. The childminder understands the importance of helping children to develop good hygiene routines, including oral health.
- The childminder discusses how she will encourage children to talk about their feelings, learn to share and respect each other. She explains how she plans to promote good manners and positive behaviour. She recognises the importance of giving clear and consistent messages to help children understand behaviour expectations.
- The childminder describes how she ensures that all essential training is kept up to date, such as safeguarding and paediatric first aid. She regularly attends additional training to broaden her knowledge and enhance the care she provides.
- The childminder states how she uses risk assessments to identify potential hazards in her environment and minimises these, so it will be safe and secure for children. She is able to talk about how she will ensure children are able to be physically active and how she will promote their good health.
- The childminder explains how she will offer an inclusive service, teaching respect and understanding of people's differences. She talks about how she will provide opportunities for children to learn about cultures that are different from their own.
- The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents. She knows the requirement to share regular information with them to help provide a consistent approach. The childminder understands how reflecting on her practice and gaining the views of parents will help support her to develop her provision.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of safeguarding and child protection procedures. She is confident in describing the possible signs that may suggest a child is at risk from abuse, neglect or harm. She knows where to report any concerns she may have about children's safety. The childminder describes how she regularly attends safeguarding training to keep her knowledge up to date.

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	129945
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10127035
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	4
Date of previous inspection	16 January 2015

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1991 and lives in Borehamwood. The childminder operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. She occasionally works with assistants. The childminder has a relevant qualification at level 6 and early years professional status.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lisa Topham

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 the account in their evaluation of the setting.
- The childminder gave the inspector a tour of her home and showed the areas used for the care of children, explaining how she ensures they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning and how she observes, assesses and plans for the children in her care.
- The inspector reviewed the childminder's relevant documents and policies and procedures she has in place when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed how the childminder will work in partnership with parents and other professionals.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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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