

Childminder report

Inspection date:

30 August 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of the need to create a safe, suitable and exciting environment for children. Through discussion, she talks about how she organises her space to create a home-from-home environment for children. For example, she explains how they sit at the table together during mealtimes.
- The childminder has a detailed knowledge of the seven areas of learning and how to support children's development. The childminder is confident in giving examples of the variety of activities that are available to children. She recognises the importance of providing new experiences and challenges to help children reach their next steps in learning.
- The childminder clearly understands how to support children's physical development. She talks about how she regularly encourages them to be active by using the garden space and going on walks around the local area. The childminder supports children in developing their awareness of how exercise has an impact on the body.
- The childminder understands how to promote positive behaviour with children. She talks about having high expectations for all children. She explains how she encourages children to talk about their feelings and the importance of helping them to understand how to show respect to others.
- The childminder explains how to promote children's independence. She talks about giving children constant opportunities to try things for themselves. The childminder places a specific focus on children being able to dress themselves and attend to their own toileting needs. She recognises that this prepares children for the next stage in their learning and starting school.
- The childminder recognises the importance of encouraging children to be healthy. She talks about providing fruit for snack and offers a variety of balanced meals. The childminder understands how to support children with trying new and different food choices to encourage them to develop positive attitudes towards food.
- The childminder talks about sharing information regularly with children's parents and carers. She explains how she ensures children's routines are followed and is accommodating of any dietary requirements. She understands the importance of meeting children's individual needs. The childminder knows to share any concerns regarding children's development with parents and understands how this supports children to continue to make progress in their development.
- The childminder demonstrates sound safeguarding knowledge, which is supported by up-to-date safeguarding training. She is confident in recognising the potential signs and symptoms of abuse and is aware of other risks to children, including the 'Prevent' duty and female genital mutilation. The childminder understands what she should do if she has any concerns about the welfare of a child. The childminder talks about completing risk assessments annually and daily checks to minimise potential risks to children.

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	EY480548
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10219852
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	4
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	17 August 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2014 and is located in Harrietsham, near Maidstone. She operates from Monday to Thursday, from 9am to 6pm, all year round.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Jasmine Nelson

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 inspector spoke to the childminder about her knowledge and understanding of keeping children safe.
- The inspector looked at relevant documents, including policies and procedures and evidence of the suitability of all persons living on the premises.
- The childminder explained how she works in partnership with parents to support children's development and well-being.
- The childminder explained how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector viewed areas of the premises used for childminding.
- Although there were no children in the early age range present at the time of this inspection, there were children present who were over the age of five years.

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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