

Childminder report

Inspection date:

23 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a secure knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. She has appropriate procedures to observe, assess and plan for children's progress.
- The childminder knows how to create a safe and welcoming learning environment for children. She has a good range of toys and resources, which are easily accessible to children. The childminder explains the types of activities she will provide to cover all areas of learning. She understands how to build on what children already know and can do, so that they can achieve the key skills they need to be ready for school.
- 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 also understands the procedures to follow in the event an allegation is made against herself or her co-childminder.
- The childminder explains clearly the importance of working closely with parents and other agencies to be able to meet children's needs and discuss any concerns about a child's development.
- The childminder demonstrates a broad understanding of how to support children's health and dietary needs. She recognises the importance of working with parents to provide healthy meals which meet children's needs. The childminder provides daily access to the garden and regular visits to local parks, to provide children with opportunities for physical exercise.
- The childminder works in close partnership with her co-childminder. 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	2526274
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	10215061
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	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2019 and lives in Grays, Essex. She operates all year round from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder works with another childminder. They are registered to provide overnight care.

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 the setting.
- The inspector and the 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 policy, 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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