

Childminder report

Inspection date:

19 October 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 fully understands all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. This includes ensuring that she always meets ratios and monitors the safety of her assistants. The childminder knows how to effectively safeguard children, protect their welfare and help keep them safe. This includes understanding the different signs and symptoms of abuse. The childminder knows who to contact to seek advice and raise and follow up any potential concerns.
- The childminder knows the importance of building and maintaining positive relationships with parents. She fully understands the benefits of keeping parents fully involved and informed in their children's learning and achievements.
- The childminder has an understanding of the benefits and importance of establishing positive partnerships with other early years professionals. This includes sharing information about children's achievements with staff at settings they also attend. The childminder intends to provide children with a good consistent approach to their shared care and learning opportunities.
- The childminder knows how to effectively review and evaluate her practice. She intends to continue to carry out regular independent reading and research to help her to keep up to date with current early years practice. For example, she has recently learned about the different ways to support children to develop their communication skills.
- The childminder has a secure understanding of all areas of learning and the importance of engaging children in motivating learning experiences. She intends to ensure she gets to know children's individual personalities to help them settle quickly and happily. The childminder understands the benefits of establishing positive relationships with children and helping them develop a good sense of belonging.
- The childminder understands the benefits of being a positive role model and encouraging children to develop good morals and social skills. For example, she understands how she intends to support them to be kind, empathetic, polite and behave well. The childminder will ensure that her practice is inclusive and diverse.

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	EY257376
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10259154
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	12
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	28 August 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003. She is located in Paddock Wood in Tonbridge, Kent. The childminder cares for children from Monday to Friday, from 7am to 6pm, all year around. She works closely with another childminder and three assistants. The childminder and all of her assistants hold a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Kelly Hawkins

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 discussed with the childminder the learning opportunities she intends to provide all children.
- The inspector viewed the indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- During the inspection the inspector spoke to the childminder and her co-childminder and considered their views.
- Written documentation was reviewed. This included safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures.

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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