

Childminder report

Inspection date:

9 November 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 explains the need to establish close bonds with all children. She understands the role this plays in helping children feel secure and settle swiftly in her care.
- The childminder has a strong understanding of her role in safeguarding children. She has clear knowledge of the signs and symptoms that could indicate a child is at risk of harm.
- The childminder has robust procedures in place to keep children safe in her care. She completes comprehensive risk assessments of all areas of her setting as well as for trips out.
- The childminder explains how she monitors children's development. She understands the importance of vital assessments in supporting children's learning, such as progress checks at age two. The childminder discusses how she uses her findings to plan activities to further support children's development.
- The childminder has a consistent approach to behaviour management. She explains how she offers positive reinforcement and encourages children to understand the impact their behaviour has on others.
- The childminder recognises the importance of parent partnerships. For instance, she talks about the importance of keeping parents informed of children's progress. This ensures that families feel valued, which builds positive relationships.
- The childminder understands the importance of keeping her knowledge and understanding up to date through training. Through discussion, she describes how she also establishes strong links with local schools. This helps ensure that appropriate information is shared to promote continuity for children.
- The childminder understands the importance of supporting children's understanding of healthy lifestyles. She provides healthy meals and snacks and encourages children to be active with access to outdoor play. The childminder talks about the importance of essential hygiene procedures, such as regular handwashing.

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	133750
Local authority	Oxfordshire
Inspection number	10258657
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	2 to 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	28 November 2016

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1972. She operates her service from her home in Sonning Common, Reading. She works Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8am until 6pm all year round and has an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector
Chris Lamey

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 their evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about their 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 monitors and supports children's learning and development. She described how she plans her day and the activities she provides.
- The inspector viewed areas of the premises used for childminding.

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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