

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 January 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder intends to assess children's development and next steps in learning by completing regular observations and visual milestone trackers. She will continue to revise and adapt these to ensure they remain relevant as the children progress. The childminder will ensure she plans a range of child-led activities that build on their individual interests and emerging skills.
- The childminder is clear about her responsibility to collect and share information with parents and other professionals. She will ensure she gathers information about the children's interests and starting points when they first begin to settle in. Written information will be sent home to parents, so that they can read about their children's day and comment on this.
- The childminder will ensure children lead active lifestyles by providing them with many opportunities to be outdoors or socially active. Children will have regular opportunities to visit local parks, duck ponds and to play in the garden for exercise and sensory play. They will also go to local playgroups and the library together. Further to this, the childminder wishes to plan activity days for all parents and children to meet with one another outside of the setting.
- The childminder describes how she will teach children about diversity and those who help us in the wider community. She is keen to explore different festivals and celebrations with the children to introduce them to new experiences and an awareness of different faiths and cultures. The childminder is sensitive about the need to adapt activities to different ages and for those that may have different backgrounds.
- The childminder understands how to safeguard children and who to report any concerns to. She demonstrates a good knowledge of child protection and wider safeguarding issues. She has a secure understanding about how she plans to teach children ways to keep themselves safe. She completes regular risk assessments of the environment and has all necessary safety equipment in place.
- The childminder has attended relevant training to ensure her knowledge remains up to date. She explains how she will evaluate and continually improve her practice. She recognises her own strengths and continues to identify new training ideas alongside this.

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	EY461431
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10265159
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	25 May 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2013 and lives in Berkhamsted. She operates all year round from 8am until 5pm, Monday to Wednesday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Aimee Dillard

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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children in the early years age range, her methods for assessing children's progress, and how she will work in partnership with others.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the safeguarding and welfare requirements, her risk assessment procedures, and what records she intends to keep.
- The inspector discussed any ongoing professional development and training that the childminder has attended.

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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