

Childminder report

Inspection date:

10 February 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 maintains a welcoming and safe environment for children to play and learn in. She plans to use her experience and understanding of child development to help children make good progress.
- Through discussion, the childminder describes how she intends to settle children in her care. She understands the importance of getting to know children well. The childminder intends to build strong relationships with children, to help them feel safe and secure in her care.
- Through discussion, the childminder explains how she will support children to become independent. For example, she will encourage children to make their own choices of equipment and resources. She will support children to dress themselves, wash their hands and use cutlery when eating.
- The childminder explains how she will help to prepare children for their move on to school. For instance, she will promote their self-confidence by talking to children about the changes they will face. She will plan opportunities for children to socialise and be confident in larger groups.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of how to support children to manage their own feelings and behaviour. She explains how she has created a quiet area to talk with children about their feelings. She intends to help develop children's social skills and support them to learn to share and take turns.
- The childminder shows a clear understanding of how to support children's good health. For instance, she intends to plan for children to have regular opportunities to play and be active outdoors. She explains how she will encourage children to make healthy choices for snacks.
- The childminder explains how she will work in partnership with other early years settings, including the schools which children will move on to. She intends to share information with them about children's achievements and the next steps in their learning.
- The childminder understands the benefits of establishing positive relationships with parents. She explains how she will find out about children's interests, likes and routines prior to them starting. She plans to use this information to provide continuity in their care. The childminder intends to keep parents up to date about their children's progress, and to share ideas for supporting their children's learning at home.
- The childminder explains how she will identify areas for improvement to her provision. She intends to ask parents for regular feedback, to help her to reflect on her practice.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of her role and responsibility to safeguard children and the policies and procedures to follow. The childminder has a good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and the actions to take to protect children. The childminder is able to confidently discuss wider safeguarding issues, such as female genital mutilation and the 'Prevent' duty guidance.

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	223105
Local authority	Cambridgeshire
Inspection number	10276567
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	6 to 11
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	10
Date of previous inspection	21 July 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2000 and lives in Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire. She operates from 7am until 7pm, Monday to Friday, all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder provides funded early education for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Louise Harris

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 she ensures they are safe and suitable.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder about how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- Written documentation was reviewed. This included the childminder's policies and procedures, public liability insurance and first-aid certificates.

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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