

Childminder report

Inspection date:

7 July 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 can confidently discuss her curriculum planning. She demonstrates a clear understanding of the learning and development requirements. The childminder would consider individual children's current interests and can describe how she would differentiate her teaching to meet the different age/stage of children in her care. Children should make continued progress from their starting points.
- The childminder explains how she will provide learning opportunities that help to embed children's knowledge across the seven areas of the early years foundation stage. For example, she would share resources with parents to take home. This continuity in learning between the home and setting should ensure that children's learning is embedded and that they are more than ready for their next stage of learning.
- The childminder explains that she has high expectations for children's behaviour and conduct. For instance, the childminder tells the inspector how she shares her 'house rules' regularly with the children. They would discuss their feelings and emotions by sharing pictures and story books. The childminder intends for children to learn to understand and manage their feelings through age-appropriate teaching strategies that she will implement consistently.
- The childminder describes her understanding of the importance of sharing information regularly about children's progress with parents. For example, each child has a 'daily diary' that she will share with parents every day. The childminder intends to establish relationships with other professionals and local schools that ensures continuity in children's education and care.
- The childminder's home and garden are safe and secure. She offers a designated space specifically designed to meet the needs of the children in her care. She has a robust risk assessment system in place that she carries out daily. The childminder understands how to keep children safe when they leave her home to visit the local area. She intends to teach children to learn how to keep themselves safe.
- The childminder explains her understanding of how to keep children safe from harm or abuse. She has a clear understanding of safeguarding policy and procedures that are in place. She knows who and when to make a referral to if she was ever concerned about a child's welfare. She confidently talks about a range of issues that could impact on children and families such as radicalisation and domestic violence. The childminder and her assistant complete regular safeguarding training to ensure their knowledge remains up to date.

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	EY489020
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10295529
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 12
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	7
Date of previous inspection	14 December 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2015 and lives in Dartford, Kent. The childminder works with an assistant and operates all year round on Monday to Friday. She offers funded places for two-, three- and four-year-old children.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Nicky Webb

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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure it is safe and suitable.
- The childminder spoke to the inspector about their intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.

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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