

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 September 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

Not Met (with actions)

Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of how children learn. She explains how she plans activities based on children's interests. The childminder discusses how she adapts activities to meet the needs of all children in her care. She explains the methods she uses to monitor children's learning and development and how this enables her to identify their learning needs.
- The childminder understands the importance of working closely with parents, carers and other professionals. She explains how she shares information with parents to support children's development. The childminder discusses the importance of building relationships with other settings. She understands the positive impact that sharing appropriate information has on children's progress.
- The childminder has high expectations for children's behaviour. She explains how she uses positive reinforcement to support children's behaviour and self-esteem. The childminder discusses how she uses age-appropriate methods to encourage children to understand the effects that inappropriate behaviour can have on themselves and others.
- The childminder has secure knowledge of how to safeguard children. She understands the signs and symptoms which could indicate a child is at risk of harm. The childminder explains the correct process to follow when reporting safeguarding concerns to the appropriate authority. The childminder completes safeguarding and first-aid training to support her knowledge of keeping children safe.
- The childminder ensures that her home remains safe for all children. She discusses the risk assessments she completes of her home and when on trips out. The childminder explains how she supports children to identify risks in the environment and develop strategies to keep themselves and others safe.
- The childminder explains how she supports children's understanding of healthy lifestyles. She discusses how she provides healthy meals and snacks and involves children in their preparation. Children have plenty of opportunity for physical activity in the large secure garden and on trips out to local parks.
- The childminder explains how she supports children's understanding of diversity and respect for others. She discusses the age-appropriate methods she adopts to enable children to explore and celebrate cultures and customs beyond their own.

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	155725
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	10279299
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	5
Date of previous inspection	24 October 2022

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2001 and lives in Croxley Green. She operates all year round, from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Wednesday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a relevant qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Antonia Campbell

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed any continued impact of the pandemic with the provider and has taken this into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she meets the safeguarding and welfare requirements of children.
- The inspector reviewed relevant documentation, including evidence of essential training.

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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