

Childminder report

Inspection date:

5 October 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 explained how she makes children feel extremely welcome when they attend her setting. She states she provides a homely environment that is adapted to meet the needs of the individual children. For example, children are able to spend time in the garden or inside if they prefer. The childminder states that she encourages children to be kind to each other and help their friends if needed. She demonstrates that she has clear behaviour expectations and explains how she would praise the children with positive language and stickers to let them know they have behaved well or done a good job.
- The childminder demonstrates how she plans and provides an ambitious curriculum for any children who attend. She is aware of the need to plan activities according to what the children already know and can do, but that her curriculum needs to be flexible to meet children's differing daily needs. The childminder explains the importance of helping children learn about all areas of learning, including being good communicators and gaining respect for others.
- The childminder states that she is aware of the importance of developing children's personal, social and emotional skills and building on their physical development. She explains how she will encourage children to be independent and provide them with support they may need. She states that encouraging good personal hygiene skills and healthy lifestyles are important skills for all children to learn.
- The childminder understands the importance of reviewing her knowledge, resources and the service she provides. She explains how working in partnership with parents and other professionals is important, as is gathering the views of children. The childminder uses any information or reflections to develop her practice and provision.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding about the importance of safeguarding children. She is able to recognise possible signs of abuse and knows how to refer any concerns she may have. The childminder regularly attends training and keeps her knowledge up to date, such as through webinars and other online resources. She demonstrates that she has a broad understanding about a range of safeguarding topics and is aware of any updates and changes that have been made to safeguarding practice. The childminder explains how she teaches children about fire safety and how to respond if the fire alarm is activated, in order to keep themselves safe.

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	EY441564
Local authority	Southampton
Inspection number	10277217
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	3 to 11
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	22 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in the Basset Green area of Southampton in Hampshire. She operates all year round from Monday to Friday. She holds a relevant early years qualification at level 3.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Lucy Short

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the leadership and management of the setting.
- 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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