

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

24 October 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Outstanding

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of how children learn. She discusses how she plans activities based upon children's interests and next steps. She explains the methods she uses to monitor children's development and how this enables her to identify their learning needs. The childminder is aware of essential progress checks and the importance of completing these within the appropriate time scale. She understands when she should share her findings with other professionals, and how this enables her to develop strategies that will meet the individual needs of children.
- The childminder demonstrates extensive safeguarding knowledge. She confidently discusses the signs and symptoms which could indicate that a child is at risk from harm. The childminder explains the correct process to follow when reporting safeguarding concerns to the appropriate authority. She regularly completes safeguarding and first-aid training to support her knowledge of keeping children safe. The childminder ensures risk assessments of her premises are completed regularly to ensure the safety of all children within her home.
- The childminder understands the importance of working closely with parents and other professionals. She discusses how she shares information about children's development and how this supports parents to continue children's learning at home. The childminder explains how she shares information with other settings. This enables her to plan activities that complement children's learning. She has a clear understanding of how this supports children in making good progress.
- The childminder has highly effective strategies in place to support children's behaviour. She explains that she is a good role model, and how she uses positive reinforcement to encourage appropriate behaviour. The childminder discusses how she uses age-appropriate methods to support children to gain a good understanding of the effects inappropriate behaviour can have on them and others.
- The childminder reflects well on all aspects of her practice. She explains how she uses feedback from parents and other professionals to enhance the care she provides for children. The childminder is committed to developing her skills and knowledge further. She is highly qualified and takes advantage of numerous additional training opportunities. This enables her to better meet the individual needs of all children in her care.
- The childminder explains how she supports children to develop an understanding of healthy lifestyles. She discusses how children are encouraged to play an active role in planning and preparing healthy snacks. Children have access to a safe garden area, where they are encouraged to grow various fruits and vegetables. They have plenty of opportunity for physical activity in the setting and on trips out to local parks. The childminder supports children to establish robust hygiene routines, including those around handwashing and teeth brushing. She understands how this not only supports children's safety, but also promotes their independence.

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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	123346
<b>Local authority</b>	Hertfordshire
<b>Inspection number</b>	10295262
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children at time of inspection</b>	0 to 0
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	13 December 2017

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1995 and lives in St Albans. She holds an appropriate qualification at level 7. She operates from 12.30pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during term time only.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Antonia Campbell

### 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 areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she supports children's learning and development.
- The inspector looked at relevant documentation and evidence of the suitability of those living at the premises.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements for children.

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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