

Childminder report

Inspection date:

13 November 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Met

Previous
inspection

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Summary of key findings

This provision meets requirements

- The childminder understands her role and responsibilities to keep children safe and protected from harm. She is aware of how to identify categories and signs of abuse that indicate a child is at risk of harm. The childminder knows how to report her concerns to the relevant Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership.
- The childminder creates a welcoming environment. She has a broad range of toys, equipment and resources to meet the learning needs of varying age groups of children.
- The childminder understands her role to observe and plan for children's learning. She is aware of the seven areas of learning and how she would provide a stimulating curriculum for children. The childminder has knowledge of the written progress check for two-year-olds and her responsibility to complete it and share it with parents.
- The childminder knows how to encourage children to develop an active and healthy lifestyle. She regularly takes after-school children to the park and they are able to access her well-resourced garden. The childminder describes how she provides healthy meals and snacks for children.
- The childminder understands how to offer an inclusive service to help children learn to accept and value each other's differences. She has a good range of resources that reflect positive images of diversity that include books and play people. The childminder ensures that children have opportunities to learn about various cultural and religious festivals throughout the year.
- The childminder knows how to maintain a safe environment for children. She regularly risk assesses areas of her home used for childminding and outings to identify and minimise risks.
- The childminder has high expectations for the children in her care. She describes effective strategies to manage and support positive behaviour. She is aware of the importance of teaching children to share and take turns.
- The childminder understands the importance of developing partnerships with parents and other professionals. She regularly talks to nursery and school teachers to ensure the continuity of children's care and learning.

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	138197
Local authority	Merton
Inspection number	10308012
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	5 to 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Date of previous inspection	21 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder was registered in 1992 and lives in Mitcham, located in the London Borough of Merton. She operates during term time from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Trisha Edward

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 provider.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she promotes children's learning and development.
- The childminder and the inspector looked at the available space for childminding and the resources the provider has available.
- The inspector viewed relevant documentation, including the childminder's public liability insurance and paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The inspector discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the childminder and took into consideration the suitability checks of adults on the premises.

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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