

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

14 November 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Not met (with actions)**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder is not aware of her responsibility to notify Ofsted of any changes to her registration, such as changes of address and persons living in the household. The full range of suitability checks have, therefore, not been completed for all individuals living in the childminder's new home.
- The childminder's knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children is weak. She has not kept her knowledge up to date. The childminder has not considered any issues in her local and wider community that may have an impact on any children she may care for.
- The childminder lacks understanding about how children learn. She knows she needs to provide play opportunities. However, she cannot demonstrate an understanding of how she will use these to sequence or extend children's learning. The childminder is unable to talk about the areas of learning and how she will provide children with experiences to reflect these.
- The childminder provides an appropriate range of resources in a child friendly space. The childminder understands the importance of children going on local outings, for example, to the zoo, beach, and parks. The childminder talks about children being able to access play outdoors in all weathers, so that they are able to benefit from regular fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder understands the need to work together with parents. She understands the importance of verbal communication and through messaging to keep parents up to date about their children. The childminder talks about finding out information about the children from the parents when they start, so that she can get to know them.
- The childminder does not reflect on her practice effectively. She has not addressed the previous recommendations from the last inspection or kept up to date with changes in the early years foundation stage requirements.
- The childminder understands the need to carry out risk assessments on the environment. Unsuitable items are kept out of reach or in locked cupboards. However, the childminder does not demonstrate a sufficient knowledge of the record she needs to keep in the event a child has an accident while in her care. The childminder has a current paediatric first-aid qualification and is able to identify the first aid she would give if a child has an accident.

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.

### What does the setting need to do to improve?

**To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and  
Childcare Register the provider must:**

	<b>Due date</b>
gain a secure knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and child protection to keep children safe from potential harm	31/12/2023
gain a secure understanding of changes to registration that must be notified to Ofsted within a 14 day timescale	31/12/2023
gain a secure understanding of how to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for children and how they learn	31/12/2023
gain a secure understanding of the requirement to keep a written record of any accidents or injuries to a child and first-aid treatment given.	31/12/2023

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY449480
<b>Local authority</b>	Essex
<b>Inspection number</b>	10301038
<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>	4 to 11
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	6
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	22 January 2018

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2012 and lives in Walton on the Naze, Essex. The childminder operates all year round from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

## Information about this inspection

### Inspector

Helen Clutterham

### 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 provision.
- The childminder showed the inspector all areas of their new premises and discussed how they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed the curriculum and their intentions for children's learning.
- The childminder provided the inspector with a sample of key documentation on request.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder her understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- The inspector talked with the childminder about the early years foundation stage and areas of learning.

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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