

# Childminder report

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Inspection date:

19 December 2023

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

**This  
inspection**

**Met**

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Previous  
inspection

Good

## Summary of key findings

### This provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a clear understanding of how to safeguard children. She recognises the possible signs and symptoms of abuse and knows how to refer any concerns to the relevant authorities. She understands what to do in the event of an allegation being made against any adult living or working in her home.
- The childminder has a system of daily checks and risk assessments to minimise any potential hazards to children, both at her home and during outings.
- The childminder has an understanding of what she wants children to learn in her care. She knows how to adapt activities to meet the needs of different ages. She has procedures in place to monitor children's progress and this enables her to plan for their next steps.
- The childminder describes how she prioritises building secure bonds with children to promote their emotional well-being. She explains that providing children with challenging but manageable experiences, alongside praise and encouragement, builds their self-esteem and confidence. She adds that this supports her approach to positive behaviour management.
- The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle. She promotes healthy eating, being physically active and spending time outdoors. For example, she explains the benefits of having a play park so close to her home.
- The childminder recognises the value of working closely with parents to help promote continuity of care and learning. She offers daily diaries for young children to ensure parents are kept updated about their child's care and development.
- The childminder explains how she keeps her knowledge up to date and refreshes her skills. For example, she attends training courses and completes her own online research. She intends to join groups in the local area to share practice with other practitioners and provide wider social opportunities for children.

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>	118909
<b>Local authority</b>	Havering
<b>Inspection number</b>	10307963
<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>	5 to 9
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	3
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	12 March 2018

## Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1997 and lives in Elm Park, Havering. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm from Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

## Information about this inspection

**Inspector**  
Nicola Baker

### 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 childminder showed the inspector the premises and discussed how they ensure they are safe and suitable.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision, including the aims and rationale for their curriculum.
- 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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