

Childminder report

Inspection date:

20 February 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder understands her role in keeping children safe. She has a comprehensive understanding of the signs that may indicate a child is at risk of harm. She knows how, and with whom, to share any concerns to help protect children. She undertakes suitable training to maintain her knowledge of child protection.
- The childminder demonstrates she can provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment, suitable for the care of young children. She demonstrates she can identify and minimise risks within her home. She knows how to organise her home and routines to ensure children are closely supervised at all times.
- The childminder has carefully considered how she will meet children's care needs. She understands the importance of consistency between the care children receive at home and when in her home. She is able to explain how she will organise her day, so that children get the rest, food and exercise they need to maintain good health and be ready to play and learn.
- The childminder's paediatric first-aid qualification has lapsed since she last looked after children, which is a breach of the requirements of her registration. However, she has plans in place to renew this and understands she must do this before she starts caring for children again. She demonstrates a secure understanding of how to meet children's medical needs and how to respond to any accidents.
- The childminder explains the strategies she will use to help children learn about acceptable behaviour. She talks about the benefits of clear, simple and consistent rules and how these help children feel secure. She talks about the importance of offering lots of praise and encouragement too, and the impact this has on children's self-esteem, as well as their behaviour.
- The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of how children learn. She understands how to assess children's progress and identify what they most need to learn next. She knows how to build over time on what children already know and can do. She understands how to support children's developing language skills, including the importance of high-quality story times.
- The childminder understands the importance of promptly identifying if children may need extra support to reach their full potential. She understands the value of working closely with parents and other professionals to help close any gaps in children's learning.
- The childminder understands that for children to feel fully welcome they need to know that their cultural background is valued and celebrated. The childminder has suitable arrangements in place to ensure this is the case and to help children also learn about cultures other than their own. She understands that this helps build tolerant and respectful young people.
- The childminder has suitable arrangements in place to keep her skills and knowledge up to date. She demonstrates a strong commitment to doing so.

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:

	Due date
obtain and maintain a suitable paediatric first-aid certificate.	29/03/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY408308
Local authority	Slough
Inspection number	10305471
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	22 February 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2010. She lives in Slough, Berkshire. The childminder offers care every day, from 6am to 8pm.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Sarah Holley

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 her evaluation of the childminder.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.
- The childminder and the inspector discussed how the childminder organises their early years provision, including the aims and rationale for their early years foundation stage curriculum.
- The childminder explained how she plans to keep children safe.
- 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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