

Inspection date

Previous inspection date

26/11/2012

Not Applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Not Met

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The provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder has insufficient knowledge and understanding of the Statutory Framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Consequently, there are breaches in the safeguarding requirements that potentially impact on children's development, welfare and safety.
- The systems for partnership working with parents are not yet strong enough to ensure that the needs of all children are met. There is potential for misunderstandings as the consent agreements for administering medication or taking children on outings are not completed and signed by parents. In addition, not all the required policies and procedures are shared and understood by parents.
- Record keeping is inconsistently maintained and this impacts on the safe and efficient management of the setting. Registers are not accurately completed and the safeguarding policy has not been updated to include the use of mobile phones and cameras.
- Although the premises are clean and tidy, the childminder is not giving a high priority to risk assessment and maintaining the safety of the premises. There are potential hazards such as blind cords, low-level glazing and the boisterous dog within access of children's play areas. The childminder does not ensure that her smoke detectors are kept in working order.
- The childminder has attended all the mandatory training and demonstrates through discussion that she has a basic understanding of the ways in which young children learn. There is an acceptable range of resources and play equipment to enable the childminder to provide activities broadly linked to the seven areas of learning.
- The childminder has some documentation to assist her in making initial observations and assessments of children's starting points. She also has the necessary paperwork in readiness to complete the assessment report for when a child reaches the age of two.

Information about this inspection

Inspections of registered early years provision are scheduled:

- at least once in every inspection cycle. The current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
- more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged as inadequate
- brought forward in the inspection cycle where Ofsted has received information that suggests the provision may not be meeting the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage; or where assessment of the provision identifies a need for early inspection
- prioritised for inspection where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There were no children on roll 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 children on roll, 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 if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programme.
- The inspector toured the premises and viewed the play equipment.
The inspector viewed evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder, a sample of policies and procedures and other documentation in relation to health and safety checks.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she monitors her provision and gathers the views of parents.

Inspector

Patricia Champion

Full Report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2011 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and two children aged one- and three-years-old. They live in a house in a residential area in Grays, Essex. All areas of the childminder's house are available for childminding. Access is via one low step into the front door. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a dog.

The childminder's service is open all-year-round from 7am to 7pm on Monday to Friday, except for family holidays agreed in advance. There are currently no children in the early years age group on roll.

The childminder has completed the local authority childminder training including first aid and child protection. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, to create a welcoming, safe and stimulating environment where children are able to enjoy learning and grow in confidence
- develop effective systems to obtain and share information with parents and carers, to ensure the safe and efficient management of the setting, and to help ensure the needs of all children are met
- ensure that medicine is only administered to a child where written permission for that particular medicine has been obtained from the child's parent and/or carer
- obtain written parental permission for children to take part in outings
- keep an accurate daily record of the names of the children being cared for on the premises and their hours of attendance
- update the safeguarding policy to cover the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting
- implement a clear and well-understood policy and procedures for assessing any

risks to children's safety and review risk assessments regularly. This relates to reviewing children's access to low level glazing, blind cords and the boisterous dog

- take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children by making sure that smoke detectors are in working order.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are

**Not Met
(with
actions)**

The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are

**Not Met
(with
actions)**

To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register the provider must:

- undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises. Ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment) (both parts of the Childcare Register)
- devise a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with complaints) (both parts of the Childcare Register)
- keep an accurate daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance (Records to be kept) (both parts of the Childcare Register).
- take action as specified above (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment, Procedures for dealing with complaints and Records to be kept).

What inspection judgements mean

Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
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Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.

Grade 3	Satisfactory	Satisfactory provision is performing less well than expectations in one or more of the key areas. It requires improvement in order to be good.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement. The provision is failing to give children an acceptable standard of early years education and/or is not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be inspected again within 12 months of the date of this inspection.
Met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not Met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider does not meet the requirements for registration.

Inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted 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.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY426814
Local authority	Thurrock
Inspection number	892387
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

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Sessional provision operates for more than two hours but does not exceed three hours in any one day. These are usually known as pre-schools, kindergartens or nursery schools and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

Childminders care for one or more children where individual children attend for a period of more than two hours in any one day. They operate from domestic premises that are usually their own home. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Out of school provision may be sessional or full-time provision and is delivered before or after school and/or in the summer holidays. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. Where children receive their Early Years Foundation Stage in school these providers do not have to deliver the learning and development requirements in full but should complement the experiences children receive in school.

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