

Elm Cottage Out of School

Hursthead Infant School, Kirkstead Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 7PZ

Inspection date	21/08/2014
Previous inspection date	12/12/2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Not Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision does not meet requirements

- The provider does not make sure that the premises are kept secure so that children's safety and welfare are protected at all times. This is a breach of the requirements of the Early Years Register and both parts of the Childcare Register.
- The safeguarding policy and the mobile phone and camera procedures effectively inform practitioners, visitors, parents and children of the correct procedure to follow.
- Practitioners have a secure understanding about the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. They demonstrate how they provide good learning opportunities for children and plan for children's progress and ongoing readiness for school.
- Practitioners demonstrate their knowledge of how to foster children's positive relationships and attachments and how they effectively manage a range of children's behaviours. Practitioners also demonstrate how they work closely with parents and carers and other providers, including school, to meet children's care, learning and development needs.
- The provider demonstrates a sound understanding of self-evaluation and shows a capacity to improve and to develop the provision further.
- Practitioners demonstrate their good knowledge of how to promote children's healthy diet and lifestyle by providing healthy snacks foods and opportunities for children to exercise daily and be in the fresh air.
- The provider has addressed the action and recommendation set at the last inspection. As a result, information about who has parental responsibility has been sought, to foster children's welfare. In addition, the complaints procedure now includes the current address and contact number of the regulator, to keep parents informed.

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
- scheduled more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged 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 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
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There were no children 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 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.

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 looked at the areas of the premises where childcare is provided and discussed and looked at toys, books, resources and equipment.
- The inspector discussed how the provider delivers the educational programme.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the provider uses when caring for children and discussed self-evaluation and improvement plans.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability, qualifications and training of the provider and the childcare staff.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents and older children attending on the day of the inspection.

Inspector

Mary Henderson

Full report

Information about the setting

Elm Cottage Out of School was registered in 2005 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. It is one of six provisions run by Elm Cottage Limited and operates from two pre-fabricated buildings and the school hall within Hursthead Primary School in Cheadle Hulme, Stockport. There is an enclosed area available for outdoor play, which includes the school playgrounds and play fields. The setting employs seven members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3 and one holds level 2. The setting opens each weekday from 7.45am to 9am and from 2.30pm to 6pm during term time, and from 7.45am to 6pm in the school holidays. There are currently seven children on roll who are in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection, no early years children were present.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- make sure the premises are kept secure at all times to ensure children's safety and welfare.

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:

- ensure that no one can enter the premises without the knowledge of a person who is caring for children on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that no one can enter the premises without the knowledge of a person who is caring for children on the premises (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

What inspection judgements mean

Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
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	Requires improvement	The provision is not giving children a good standard of early years education and/or there are minor breaches of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. We re-inspect nurseries and pre-schools judged as requires improvement within 12 months of the date of inspection.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement action. 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 monitored and inspected again within six months of the date of this inspection.
Met		There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not met		There were no children present at the time of the inspection. 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	EY313648
Local authority	Stockport
Inspection number	873146
Type of provision	
Registration category	Childcare - Non-Domestic
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	80
Number of children on roll	7
Name of provider	Elm Cottage Limited
Date of previous inspection	12/12/2011
Telephone number	0161 286 9007

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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, which are usually the childminder's 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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