

**Inspection date**

3 February 2015

Previous inspection date

24 June 2010

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Requires improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Requires improvement	3
The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children		Requires improvement	3
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Requires improvement	3
The setting <b>does not meet legal requirements for early years settings</b>			

## Summary of key findings for parents

### This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The childminder does not show an understanding of the legal requirement to notify Ofsted about changes to the members of the household and any changes in her health. Therefore, this is a breach of requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Childcare Register.
- The childminder does not always use her observations and assessments of children to plan challenging activities to meet their individual needs.
- The childminder does not always take account of the views of parents and children when deciding what to improve at the setting.
- The childminder does not ensure that children have daily opportunities for exercise and learning in the outdoor environment during the winter months.

### It has the following strengths

- The childminder promotes the safety of children. She completes risk assessments of her home to reduce hazards and ensures children are well supervised.
- The childminder knows the procedures to follow if she has concerns about a child's welfare.
- The childminder forms close attachments with children, which effectively promotes their emotional well-being.
- Children have access to a range of play resources suitable for different ages and abilities.

## **What the setting needs to do to improve further**

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

- review the daily routine during the winter months to ensure children have opportunities to exercise and experience learning in the outdoor environment
- develop the planning and monitoring of children's progress to ensure that each child's learning is challenged appropriately.

### **To further improve the quality of the early years provision the provider should:**

- improve self-evaluation and improvement plans to review and act upon suggestions and ideas from parents and children.

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

- ensure Ofsted is informed of any significant event which is likely to affect their suitability or that of any person caring for children on the premises (compulsory part of the Childcare Register).
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## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector observed the interactions between the childminder and the children.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder regarding her recent training, evaluating methods and safeguarding practice.
- The inspector viewed the resources children play with.
- The inspector discussed and looked at a sample of policies, procedures and documents.

### **Inspector**

Claire Douglas

## Inspection findings

### **How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend. This requires improvement**

The quality of teaching is variable. The childminder understands how to promote the learning and development of young children but she does not always plan age-appropriate activities to motivate and challenge them. As a result, not all children are making good progress in their learning. Young children enjoy close interactions with the childminder when sharing a book or playing with the trains on a track. This helps them feel secure and safe. The childminder encourages children to count. For example, they count the steps with the childminder as they go upstairs to the bathroom. This helps promote their interest in early mathematics. The childminder shares information about children's progress with parents.

### **The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children requires improvement**

The childminder provides a warm and welcoming environment where children feel secure. Children have an appropriate choice of resources to play with and the childminder supplements these with trips to toddler and activity groups. Children have access to a garden for outdoor play and learning. However, children have fewer opportunities for challenge and exploration of the outdoors during the winter months. The childminder encourages children to take turns and think about others. Consequently, children behave well. Children develop independence with gentle guidance on managing their personal care needs. This contributes to children's good health and helps prepare them well for school.

### **The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision requires improvement**

The childminder has a clear understanding of how to promote children's safety. She has completed online safeguarding training to enable her to prioritise children's welfare. She knows the signs that may be a cause for concern and how to report these. However, the childminder did not fully understand the requirement to inform Ofsted about changes to herself or the household. This is a breach of the legal requirements and has the potential to affect the childminder's suitability. Written comments from parents indicate that they are happy with the service she provides. However, the childminder is less effective in using their views and ideas as part of her self-evaluation process.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	124649
<b>Local authority</b>	Croydon
<b>Inspection number</b>	842814
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	2
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	24 June 2010
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 1981. She lives in South Norwood, in the London Borough of Croydon. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

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