

Inspection date	10 April 2015
Previous inspection date	21 September 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Not met	
	Previous inspection:	Satisfactory	3
The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder has failed to renew her public liability insurance.
- The childminder has a limited knowledge of the learning and development requirements. This is with particular reference to the areas of learning and development, and the characteristics of effective teaching and learning. Therefore, she is unable to show how she will support children to make good progress in their learning.
- The childminder lacks understanding of the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years. As a result, she cannot demonstrate how she will identify the individual and developmental needs for these children.
- Self-evaluation is not yet fully effective. The childminder does not have successful systems in place to identify areas of her practice that need improving in order to be able to provide high quality teaching and care.
- The childminder understands her responsibility to protect children's safety. She completes regular checks of her home environment and ensures that children do not have access to anything that could cause them harm.
- The childminder has recently completed first-aid training. This means that she is able to respond to children's accidents with up-to-date knowledge.
- The childminder values the importance of working with parents and professionals from other settings that children attend. Consequently, she is able to promote continuity of care and learning.
- The childminder has a settling-in system in place that enables children to become familiar with her and their new surroundings. She understands the reasons why she must support children to build a strong bond with her, in order to nurture their confidence and emotional well-being.
- The childminder places a strong emphasis on promoting children's healthy lifestyles. She understands the importance of providing children with a balanced and varied diet and ensuring that they have plenty of opportunities to play outside in the fresh air.
- The childminder has a range of toys and resources that promote learning through play. She checks the safety and cleanliness of the toys on a regular basis.

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.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

- ensure that public liability insurance is continually held, so that children's safety is fully protected
- develop knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, with particular reference to the areas of learning and development, and the characteristics of effective teaching and learning, in order to be able to promote children's good progress towards the early learning goals
- improve understanding of the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years, and ensure these assessments identify children's strengths and any additional learning needs that they may have, so that specialist support can be swiftly sought, if necessary.

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

- ensure that appropriate insurance is held in respect of liability which may be incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that appropriate insurance is held in respect of liability which may be incurred for death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed areas in the childminder's home, and looked at toys, resources and equipment that she intends to use.
- The inspector checked qualifications and evidence of the suitability of the childminder and those over the age of 16 years living in the household.
- The inspector and childminder discussed how she will promote the children's safety and welfare.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector and childminder discussed her self-evaluation.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	123314
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	960003
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	21 September 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1992, and lives in Codicote. She operates all year round, from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays.

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