

Childminder Report

Inspection date

24 April 2015

Previous inspection date

25 January 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision**This inspection:****Not met**

Previous inspection:

Satisfactory

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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's appropriate childcare qualification has supported her knowledge of child development. However, the childminder has a poor knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and self-evaluation is weak. As a result, she is not meeting a number of legal requirements, which also relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register.
- The childminder has failed to maintain a current first-aid qualification and does not have a first-aid box. Risk assessments for the outdoor area are inadequate in identifying and minimising hazards. Consequently, the childminder cannot demonstrate her understanding of how to continually promote children's safety and welfare.
- The childminder has limited knowledge of child protection procedures, therefore, she cannot promote children's welfare. She lacks an understanding of the correct procedures to follow should concerns arise, including any allegations against herself or a family member. She has not considered the safe use of mobile phones and cameras as part of robust safeguarding procedures.
- The childminder does not have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements. As a result, there are no systems in place to obtain information about children's starting points, monitor children's progress and identify any gaps in children's learning. This has an impact on the childminder's ability to plan challenging activities.
- The environment is clean and suitably resourced with a range of toys and equipment to meet the needs of different age groups of children.
- The childminder has a suitable understanding of the importance of promoting healthy lifestyles and a healthy diet. In addition, she understands the importance of children being able to access fresh air and physical exercise on a daily 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 a paediatric first-aid certificate is obtained
- ensure there is a first-aid box accessible at all times with appropriate contents for use with children
- ensure risk assessments for the outdoor area identify hazards to children and demonstrate how the risks will be removed or minimised
- ensure that the safeguarding policy and procedures cover the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against the provider or their family, and covers the use of mobile phones and cameras in the setting
- increase knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements to gain the skills needed to monitor children's progress in all areas of learning from accurate starting points, in order to be able to provide challenging and stimulating activities in all areas of learning.

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

- ensure that an appropriate first-aid qualification is held (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- take all necessary measures to minimise any risks to the health or safety of the children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that an appropriate first-aid qualification is held (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)
- take all necessary measures to minimise any risks to the health or safety of the children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

Inspection activities

- The inspector looked at policies and documents the childminder will use when caring for children.
- The inspector observed areas to be used for the care of children, along with furniture, equipment and toys that are to be used for childminding.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observations, assessments and planning.

Inspector

Lynn Byrne

Setting details

Unique reference number	322581
Local authority	Wigan
Inspection number	819202
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	25 January 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2000 and lives in Standish, Wigan. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 3.

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