

# Childminder Report

**Inspection date**

1 May 2015

Previous inspection date

12 August 2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Requires improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend		Good	2
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 hold a current valid paediatric first-aid certificate. This means she is unable to fully protect children's safety in the event of an emergency. This is also a breach of the requirements of the Childcare Register.
- The childminder has arranged some play spaces to provide children with choice and independence in selecting what to play with. However, other areas have equipment which is stored in a way that makes it inaccessible to children, hampering their ability to make choices.

### **It has the following strengths**

- The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of how to safeguard children. She regularly refreshes her child protection training and knows how to report any concerns she may have about the welfare of a child.
- The childminder has a level three qualification in childcare and education and demonstrates a good understanding of how to meet children's learning and development needs. She provides a broad range of interesting activities and children make good progress as a result.
- The childminder has a calm and thoughtful manner, which creates a relaxed atmosphere in which children can explore and enjoy their play.
- The childminder monitors children's learning journals to make sure she is providing a balanced educational programme and can identify and address any achievement gaps.

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

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

- obtain a certificate in paediatric first aid.

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

- enhance children's choices and independence by adapting the learning environment to create more space and to make play equipment more easily accessible.

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

- obtain a certificate in paediatric first aid (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- obtain a certificate in paediatric first aid (voluntary part of the Childcare Register).

## **Inspection activities**

- The inspector observed children at play in the childminder's home and garden.
- The inspector examined a range of documents, including children's records and learning journals.
- The inspector read parents' feedback to gather their views.

### **Inspector**

Susan McCourt

## Inspection findings

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

The childminder works very closely with parents to build a strong partnership to promote children's learning. Parents provide initial information about children's abilities and interests, and see the learning journal every day so that they are always well informed of children's progress. The childminder writes termly summary reviews which parents comment on in great detail. The childminder has good teaching and play skills. She is continually alongside younger children as they play so that she can share what they are focusing on. She is very skilled at judging when to join in and when to allow children to explore at their own pace. Children are able to set their own challenges, and the childminder joins in to extend play or add ideas. When a child built a tower from bricks, the childminder offered a small step when the tower was too tall for the child to reach. She then helped the child take the tower even higher before they laughed together as it fell. Children have great fun as they play and learn.

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

Children are confident and feel secure in the childminder's care, so their emotional development is sound. She provides a wide range of good-quality play equipment to create a child-friendly play space. However, some of the equipment is piled too closely together for children to fully see and select from what is there. The childminder has sound methods to promote children's general health and physical development. For example, children eat healthy foods and learn to take care of their personal hygiene. However, the childminder's lack of paediatric first-aid training compromises children's health and safety. The childminder has clear expectations of children's behaviour so they have a firm understanding of how to cooperate and share. Overall, children gain appropriate skills to help them in their future learning.

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

The childminder works very consistently with parents to meet children's needs. She shares her policies and working methods so they understand her duties in child protection and how she teaches children. She asks parents for feedback and evaluations of her provision and acts on their ideas for activities and outings. The childminder attends different training events and conferences to keep up to date with good practice. The childminder drives improvement by acting on new ideas from training, such as obtaining new furniture for younger children to promote their independence in play. She acknowledges that a weakness in her monitoring meant that her first-aid qualification lapsed and has identified methods to prevent this happening again.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	131043
<b>Local authority</b>	Brighton & Hove
<b>Inspection number</b>	840821
<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>	3
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	12 August 2009
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 2001. She lives in Brighton, East Sussex. The childminder cares for children all day, Monday to Friday, for over 45 weeks of the year.

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