

Childminder Report

Inspection date

3 June 2015

Previous inspection date

14 April 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
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		Inadequate	4
The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision		Inadequate	4
The setting does not meet legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The childminder does not have a good enough understanding of the requirements relating to protecting children and has failed to follow the required procedures accordingly.
- Although the childminder generally promotes positive behaviour, such as helping children to share and take turns, she has not been a consistently positive role model. As a result, she has not always taught children to be sensitive and understand other people's feelings.
- The childminder does not consistently support all children's independence and physical development well enough, particularly in relation to their self-care skills.
- The childminder does not have suitable systems in place to identify weaknesses and improve her practices.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder identifies children's skills through regular observations and assessments, and plans activities to develop their learning further. As a result, most children generally progress well in their learning.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take the following enforcement action:

We will issue a welfare requirement notice requiring the childminder to:

implement procedures to safeguard children in line with the guidance and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children Board, with particular regard to the action to be taken in the event of an allegation being made against a household member

ensure that every child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, with particular regard to supporting all children's independence, personal care and behaviour positively.

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

- support all children's emotional well-being by demonstrating positive behaviour and being a good role model at all times, so that all children learn about what is acceptable behaviour
- develop a programme of professional development to improve knowledge of safeguarding requirements and drive improvement.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children during activities, inside the home and in the garden, to assess how well the childminder supports their learning and keeps them safe.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder.
- The inspector looked at samples of observations, assessments and planning to see how well children's learning needs are planned for.
- The inspector viewed a range of documents, including training records and policies.
- The inspector viewed parent questionnaires to assess parents' views of the childminder's provision.

Inspector

Linda du Preez

Inspection findings

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

The childminder observes children during play and has a clear view of their interests and progress. She plans activities according to the individual learning needs of each child and generally follows children's interests well. Children enjoy a range of interesting activities, which help them to develop useful skills for their future learning. For example, they play a fishing game where they hook wooden fish and learn to recognise numbers as they count them enthusiastically. Children enjoy painting and learn about the natural world as they water plants to help them grow. However, the quality of the childminder's teaching is variable as she has not fully supported all children's progress and development. For example, when some children learn to use the toilet independently, she does not always use positive strategies to support them.

The contribution of the early years provision to the well-being of children is inadequate

The childminder has developed warm relationships with most children and their families. She generally encourages children to try things out for themselves, such as organising painting activities and managing their food and drink. She teaches children to keep themselves safe by reminding them of the importance of drinking water on hot days and wearing sun cream. However, she does not have a good enough understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements to ensure that children are kept safe. On the day of the inspection, the childminder had a good approach to supporting children's behaviour. However, her approach is not consistent, as there has been an occasion where the childminder has shown negative behaviour in front of children.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the early years provision is inadequate

The childminder does not have a suitable understanding of the requirements of the Early Year Foundation Stage. The inspection was conducted following a complaint received by Ofsted relating to the childminder's behaviour towards a child. At the inspection, the childminder admitted that an allegation had been made against her and that the incident did occur. However, following this, she failed to implement the correct child protection procedures and did not notify Ofsted of the allegation as required. We will issue a warning letting for failing to notify us of the allegation. The childminder regularly talks to parents about children's care and learning. She includes their comments and thoughts about how their children are progressing. Although the childminder has attended some training courses, they are not recent. She does not have a plan in place to ensure her knowledge and skills are up-to-date or to make the necessary improvements.

Setting details

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Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1012777
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	14 April 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1999. She lives with her husband in Dartford, Kent. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder cares for children all year round from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

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