

Childminder Report

Inspection date	3 July 2015
Previous inspection date	2 March 2010

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		Good	2
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 has failed to meet all the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and associated requirements of the Childcare Register. She does not ensure that children are left in the care of adults suitable to be looking after them in her absence. This puts children's safety and welfare at significant risk.
- The childminder does not ensure that she records children's attendance accurately. She fails to record their arrival and departure times, which means that she does not have an accurate record of who she is caring for. This compromises children's welfare as they may not all be taken into account in an emergency.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder makes sure she knows about children's interests, likes and dislikes, so she can meet their individual learning needs.
- The childminder carries out regular observations and assessments on the children to enable her to monitor their progress and plan activities to help them make steady progress.
- The childminder provides children with a suitable range of toys and resources which enables them to enjoy their play.

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 requirements notice requiring the provider to:

ensure that all children are adequately supervised by adults that have been deemed suitable, by Ofsted, to work directly with children.

maintain an accurate daily record of the names and hours of attendance for children looked after on the premises.

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

- ensure an accurate daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained. (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure an accurate daily record of the names of the children looked after on the premises and their hours of attendance is maintained. (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's play and activities indoors and outside.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and her assistant about their work.
- The inspector sampled a selection of paperwork, including policies, procedures and children's records.

Inspector
Susan Mann

Inspection findings

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

The childminder does not meet all the legal requirements, which means that she is not meeting children's needs sufficiently. However, she takes children to local parks regularly to extend and promote their physical development. The childminder uses different activities to teach children new words, which promotes their speaking and listening skills. Children can choose where they play and what with, enabling them to create their own learning experiences. For example, children enjoy sand and water play; they learn how much water they need to make sand castles that remain upright. They also use water to extend their role play as they make pretend cakes.

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

The childminder does not record children's attendance accurately, which means that she is not ensuring children's well-being or welfare adequately. However, the childminder promotes children's self-care skills effectively, such as teaching them to put on their jumpers and shoes and washing their hands at appropriate times. There is always water available for children to drink when they are thirsty. Children learn about road safety when they walk to the park and to local schools. They also practise the emergency evacuation drill, so they know how to keep themselves safe. The childminder and her assistant are good role models and, as a result, children learn how to manage their feelings and they behave appropriate to their age and stage of development.

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

The childminder does not ensure that children are safe when in her care. She leaves minded children at her home in the care of family members while she takes other children to school. While Ofsted has completed suitability checks for adults living on the premises where childcare is taking place, family members are not listed as assistants and are therefore not suitable to be caring for children in her absence. This breach of requirements puts children at significant risk and Ofsted will take enforcement action. The childminder understands child protection procedures and knows what to do if she has any concerns about a child in her care. However, through her lack of regard for the legal requirements, she is putting children at risk. The childminder uses self-evaluation to keep a check on her practice. However, this is not effective in ensuring that she meets all the legal requirements. The childminder uses her regular contact with other childminders to help keep her updated with current practices and changes. Parents' comments obtained by the childminder show they are very happy with the progress their children are making.

Setting details

Unique reference number	126221
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	1016808
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	2 March 2010
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1999. She lives in Sittingbourne, Kent. Her provision operates for over 45 weeks a year, Monday to Friday, all day, with the exception of Bank Holidays. The childminder is qualified at level 3.

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