

Childminder Report

Inspection date

11 November 2015

Previous inspection date

11 March 2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Inadequate	4
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Inadequate	4

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The procedures for monitoring and reviewing risk assessments are weak and do not assure children's safety and well-being. This is with specific regard to leaving children unaccompanied in the car and identifying risks within the home.
- Children's emotional well-being is not promoted. The childminder has not considered the impact on children's safety when operating outside the legal ratios and when leaving children unsupervised.
- Ofsted have not been notified of changes to people living or working on the premises. The childminder has not applied for Disclosure and Barring Service checks in a timely manner for her own children who have reached the age of 16.
- The childminder does not ensure that records are available for all children being looked after on the premises. This means that detailed information about some children's care needs is not readily available.
- The childminder lacks understanding of the process for the progress check for children between the ages of two and three years.
- The childminder lacks understanding of the learning and development requirements. This means that children are not provided with a suitable educational programme.
- Opportunities for children to have access to daily activities in the outdoor environment are not always planned for. This hinders their physical health and well-being.
- The childminder does not use evaluation to identify the significant weaknesses within the provision.

It has the following strengths

- Children are generally happy and settled during their time with the childminder. They are encouraged to play together and make friendships.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due Date
■ obtain an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) in respect of any person aged 16 years or over who lives on the premises on which childcare is provided	27/01/2016
■ ensure children are kept safe and supervised at all times, with particular regard to not leaving children unaccompanied in a vehicle	27/11/2015
■ maintain adult-to-child ratios to ensure the individual needs of children are met and their safety is assured	27/11/2015
■ ensure that children have opportunities to take part in daily physical activities outdoors	27/11/2015
■ ensure that risks in the environment are identified and removed, with particular regard to trailing wires in the home	27/11/2015
■ keep the required records for every child, with necessary information about their care needs and emergency contact details.	27/11/2015

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

	Due Date
■ improve understanding of the learning and development requirements so that children are provided with a suitable educational programme and challenging experiences across all areas of learning	27/01/2016
■ develop understanding of what is required to review and monitor children's progress when they are aged between two and three years.	27/01/2016

Inspection activities

- Ofsted carried out this inspection as a result of a risk assessment, following information we received about this provider.
- The inspector observed the childminder engaging with children in a range of learning activities.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder, her assistant and engaged with children during the inspection.
- The inspector looked at documentation, including a selection of policies and procedures, and the children's learning records.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's qualifications and the suitability of all persons in the household aged over 16 years.
- The inspector jointly observed and evaluated an activity with the childminder.

Inspector

Amanda Tompkin

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

The arrangements for safeguarding are ineffective. The inspection was prioritised following concerns received by Ofsted about the childminder's ability to safeguard children, with specific regard to child supervision. The inspection found that the childminder fails to protect children from harm because she does not ensure that children are supervised at all times. She leaves children unattended in a car which is not within sight or hearing. This significantly compromises children's safety and well-being, and shows an inadequate understanding of how to safeguard children. In addition to this, the childminder has not considered all risks in her home. Children are allowed to crawl over trailing wires, which further compromises their safety. The childminder has failed to notify Ofsted of all persons working on the premises. Despite this person having relevant suitability checks, the childminder does not have evidence of this and has not informed Ofsted. The childminder has also not informed Ofsted of adults moving out of the premises. She has not obtained Disclosure and Barring Service checks for those living on the premises who are aged over 16 years. Children's records are not organised effectively to ensure necessary information is available on site about all children. This means that some aspects of their care needs are not fully addressed. The childminder has not reflected well enough on her practice in order to identify the significant weaknesses in her provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

Despite the childminder's relevant qualification and experience, teaching is weak. She does not understand the learning and development requirements sufficiently to be able to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. The childminder does not complete the required progress checks for children aged between two and three years. Therefore, she does not use this aspect of assessment to identify and address any gaps in children's learning. The childminder shows that she is aware of children's likes and interests and she encourages them to share and play together. Children enjoy stories read by the childminder. She encourages them to join in and to point to the characters in the book. This helps to promote children's communication and language skills.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Children do not have daily opportunities to be physically active in the outdoor environment. The childminder has identified that currently her garden is not suitable for use. However, despite there being local parks and outdoor spaces available to use, the childminder does not plan for this on a daily basis. This has a negative impact on children's physical development and good health. The childminder does not promote children's emotional well-being. This is because she has not considered the impact on children being left alone in her vehicle while she drops other children off at a local pre-school. Furthermore, she states that because of the amount of children she has it is easier to leave them in the car, rather than get them out and take them to the pre-school with her. This demonstrates that she is unable to meet the children's individual needs.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Children are not given sufficient opportunities to make good progress. Children are not effectively prepared for their next stage of learning.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY272220
Local authority	Worcestershire
Inspection number	1031413
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 4
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	11 March 2011
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2003 and lives in Redditch. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3. She works with an assistant.

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