

Childminder Report

Inspection date

13 November 2015

Previous inspection date

15 June 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Requires improvement	3

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The childminder does not meet all of the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and Childcare Register. She does not ensure she obtains written parental permission for all medication she administers to children to help ensure she gives them the correct dosage. However, she does gain verbal permission, which minimises the impact on children's welfare.
- The childminder fails to complete progress checks for children aged two years to help ensure she can quickly identify and address any concerns about their development.
- The childminder is not using self-evaluation consistently and effectively to monitor and review her provision and to improve the quality of teaching. This means she is not always able to identify areas of weakness and make changes that benefit children.
- The childminder does not always encourage children to express their own imagination and creativity.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder is kind, caring and supportive. Children form emotional bonds with the childminder and settle easily.
- Children enjoy playing with a variety of suitably challenging and interesting resources provided by the childminder.
- The childminder teaches children how to behave appropriately. Children learn to respect others and value differences in the wider world.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

	Due Date
■ complete the required progress checks on children aged between two and three years, summarising their development and identifying any emerging concerns about their progress	31/12/2015
■ obtain written parental permission for the administration of each medication required for children.	20/11/2015

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

- implement ways of evaluating strengths and weaknesses in the setting effectively to help improve practices and children's experiences
- provide more opportunities for children to be creative and express their own ideas.

Inspection activities

- The inspector observed children's activities indoors.
- The inspector discussed childcare practices with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled children's learning records and other relevant documentation.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents from letters seen at the inspection.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's self-evaluation document.

Inspector

Alison Weaver

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management requires improvement

The childminder's self-evaluation is basic and she does not always reflect on her practices sufficiently well. This reduces her ability to identify and address areas needing improvement. The childminder does some monitoring of planned activities to help make sure they meet children's individual learning needs. She maintains a safe and secure environment for children so that they can play and move around independently. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder has sufficient knowledge of what to do if she has any child protection concerns. She makes sure she gains verbal consent and dosage details from parents when giving children any prescribed medication they provide. However, the childminder fails to obtain this parental permission in writing and this is a breach of requirements.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

The childminder carries out some observation and assessment of children. However, the childminder has not completed the required written progress checks for children aged between two and three years. This does not help her to identify and discuss any concerns about children with parents so they can access additional support if needed. The childminder plans activities that reflect children's interests and help them progress in their learning. She interacts with children and promotes their learning. Children develop sound communication skills, for example, the childminder repeats and reinforces words with them as they play together. However, sometimes the childminder does not strengthen children's creative skills as, for example, she occasionally overly directs art and craft activities.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

The childminder teaches children sound personal hygiene practices and provides daily exercise. This helps them to develop their physical skills. The childminder works closely with parents to provide consistency for children and to help them to feel secure and confident. The childminder helps children to be independent. For example, she organises resources so children can make their own choices. The childminder builds children's self-esteem, for example, she praises them when they learn new skills. Children develop a sound understanding of how to stay safe.

Outcomes for children require improvement

Children are independent and enjoy their learning experiences. The childminder's assessment of children's learning is not fully in place. However, children make sound progress in their learning. They develop the skills they need to move on to school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	136948
Local authority	Bromley
Inspection number	836490
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	1 - 3
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	15 June 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 1994. She lives in Biggin Hill, Kent. The childminder offers care all day from Monday to Friday and at weekends, all year round.

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