

Childminder Report

Inspection date

28 February 2017

Previous inspection date

Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Inadequate	4
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable	
Effectiveness of the leadership and management		Inadequate	4
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

This provision is inadequate

- The childminder does not have a secure understanding of the legal requirement relating to adult-to-child ratios. She regularly cares for too many children and this compromises children's welfare.
- The childminder does not maintain an accurate record of children's hours of attendance, as required. She also fails to obtain prior written parental consent to administer individually named medications. These are breaches of the Early Years and Childcare Registers.
- Self-evaluation is weak. The childminder does not reflect on her practice effectively to ensure she identifies any breaches of the requirements. She does not take sufficient action to improve the quality of the provision.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. She regularly observes children at play and effectively assesses the good progress they make. The childminder successfully plans for children's next steps in learning. She takes swift action in response to any gaps in children's learning, to help them catch up.
- The childminder speaks to parents daily to pass on information about children's learning and development in order to support continuous learning at home.

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
■ ensure that ratio requirements are met at all times	31/03/2017
■ ensure an accurate daily record of the names of all the children being cared for and their hours of attendance is continuously maintained	08/03/2017
■ ensure prior written parental consent for each individually named medication is obtained before administering any medicine to a child.	08/03/2017

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

- use self-evaluation effectively to monitor and reflect on practice, in order to identify any breaches of requirements and weaknesses, and take action to improve the provision.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke to the childminder and engaged with the children at appropriate times during the inspection.
- The inspector observed the quality of the childminder's interactions with children.
- The inspector and the childminder evaluated the effectiveness of an activity together.
- The inspector viewed the spaces, toys and equipment used for childminding purposes, indoors and outdoors.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation, including the childminder's self-evaluation, policies and the children's development records.

Inspector

Hazel Farrant

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is ineffective. The childminder has insufficient understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. Her understanding of the legal requirement relating to adult-to-child ratios is not secure. She has recently taken on an additional child which puts her over the permitted number of children on at least two days of the week. She has not considered the potential negative impact of this breach of requirements on children's care. The childminder does not maintain all documentation and records required for the safe management of the provision. For example, children's attendance records and prior written parental consent to administer each individually named medication are not in place. The childminder has a suitable understanding about Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures and keeps her first-aid training up to date. The childminder completes self-evaluation, although it is not robust enough to identify the weaknesses in her provision.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder uses skills she gained through past training well, to support children's learning and development. She supports children's language and communication skills very well. She speaks clearly and helps children to learn new vocabulary during routines and play activities. The childminder skilfully involves children in group activities. Children learn good social skills and how to be considerate towards others. She establishes good links with other professionals to support continuity of children's learning and development. Parents are very complimentary about the childminder; one parent writes 'the childminder is great at encouraging independence and development'.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Children's safety and well-being are undermined by the breaches of safeguarding requirements. Nevertheless, the childminder supports children's emotional well-being effectively and children enjoy their time with her. They develop a secure understanding of the benefits of following a healthy lifestyle. For example, they learn the importance of hygiene and playing outside in the fresh air.

Outcomes for children are good

Children make good progress, behave well and develop skills for future learning and starting school. They gain good levels of confidence and independence, and are keen to learn. For example, their faces show delight as they learn how to match the correct colour key to the corresponding colour door on a play resource. Children learn about others and to value people's differences. They develop good manners.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY477260
Local authority	Surrey
Inspection number	1082370
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 5
Total number of places	3
Number of children on roll	3
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2014. She lives in West End, near Woking, Surrey. She operates her service from 8am to 6pm on Monday to Friday for most of the year, except family holidays. The childminder holds a recognised childcare qualification at level 6.

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