

Childminder Report

Inspection date

23 November 2017

Previous inspection date

26 June 2015

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 childminder failed to notify Ofsted of changes to her health and of a person aged over 16 years living and working on the premises. This means that checks on their suitability have not been completed by Ofsted.
- Children have been transported in a vehicle without checks being made to ensure the vehicle and driver are adequately insured.
- Teaching does not provide challenge for children. Observation, assessment and links with parents are not strong enough to identify children's full abilities. The childminder does not effectively plan their next developmental steps. Children are not acquiring a full range of key skills in readiness for school.
- The childminder does not fully evaluate all aspects of her practice, particularly in relation to monitoring the effectiveness of teaching and learning.

It has the following strengths

- Children's health, physical and dietary needs are met well. They enjoy nutritious meals, which are cooked from fresh ingredients.
- The childminder forms warm relationships with the children and she promotes their confidence and emotional well-being effectively. Children behave well.

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
■ develop a secure knowledge of the requirements in relation to notifications to Ofsted	07/12/2017
■ ensure that the driver and vehicle used to transport children are adequately insured	07/12/2017
■ improve the partnerships with parents so that they are well informed about their child's progress and better supported to share information about what their children are learning and achieving at home	07/12/2017
■ inform Ofsted of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any person aged 16 or over working or living on the premises with children	07/12/2017
■ put effective systems in place to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children, which must include obtaining an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check through Ofsted	07/12/2017
■ gather sufficient information about children's starting points and use this, together with ongoing observation and assessment processes, to identify children's next steps in learning and to plan challenging and enjoyable experiences to help them make good progress.	07/12/2017

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

- develop effective systems of self-evaluation to help identify strengths and areas for development that will drive improvements in the outcomes for children.

Inspection activities

- We carried out this inspection as a result of a risk assessment following information we received about the childminder.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching during activities indoors and outdoors, and assessed the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector completed a joint observation with the childminder.
- The inspector held a meeting with the childminder. She looked at evidence of the childminder's suitability to work with children.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder, children and a parent during the inspection and took account of their views.

Inspector

Lynne Naylor

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

Safeguarding is not effective. The childminder had failed to notify Ofsted of a change in her ability to care for children. She also failed to notify Ofsted that a person was sometimes living and working on the premises to support her. This means that checks on their suitability to be an assistant have not been completed by Ofsted. This person has transported the childminder and the children in her vehicle without checks being made to ensure the vehicle and driver were adequately insured. This compromises children's safety. Nevertheless, the childminder is aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse and who to contact if she has concerns about children's welfare. Since the last inspection, the childminder has not placed sufficient focus on evaluating her practice or improving her knowledge through professional development to build on her qualification and improve her teaching.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

The childminder does not accurately identify where children are in their learning when they first start. She does not assess what children can or cannot do effectively or plan challenging activities to help them make good progress. Parents receive a daily diary with some information about what children have been doing during the day; however, this is mainly about children's care. The childminder completes the progress check for children aged between two and three years, and shares this with their parents. However, insufficient information is available to keep parents well informed about their child's progress on an ongoing basis. As part of everyday activities, the childminder develops children's counting skills and encourages their interest in number and shapes. She reads stories to the children, models language, repeats words correctly and helps children to increase their range of vocabulary. Children communicate confidently and happily engage in conversations with visitors.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The safety and welfare of the children are compromised due to a number of weaknesses in leadership and management. However, the childminder meets children's care needs in relation to diet and toilet training following discussions with their parents. She is an effective role model and encourages children to take turns and behave well. Parents talk positively about how much their children enjoy attending.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Children do not make enough progress. The childminder does not have a full picture of children's knowledge, skills and understanding to challenge their learning. She does not monitor their progress sufficiently to ensure that any gaps in their learning are identified and closed. However, she equips children with self-help skills and prepares them well emotionally to ease their move on to nursery and school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY406492
Local authority	Liverpool
Inspection number	1117834
Type of provision	Childminder
Day care type	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Age range of children	1 - 3
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of registered person	
Date of previous inspection	26 June 2015
Telephone number	

The childminder registered in 2010 and lives in West Derby, Liverpool. She operates all year round from 8am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except during bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate childcare qualification at level 3.

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