

# Childminder Report

**Inspection date**

6 March 2018

Previous inspection date

23 August 2017

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	<b>Inadequate</b>	<b>4</b>
	Previous inspection:	Inadequate	4
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

- Systems to keep children safe in the childminder's home are not effective. Hazards have not been minimised. For example, portable heaters are currently being used because the boiler is not working. The heaters and the electrical sockets are accessible and can be touched by children. This poses a risk to children's safety.
- The childminder has failed to address all actions from the last inspection. He has not notified Ofsted of changes to individuals working or living on the premises. In addition, he recently left children in the care of assistants for more than two hours a day when he was out of the country. This is a breach of the safeguarding and welfare requirements
- The childminder works with two assistants but has not provided effective support. Adults are not well deployed to ensure children are supervised at all times. Children are left unattended, for example, when on a changing table when adults had a conversation. This is not safe practice.
- The quality of teaching is weak. The childminder does not make accurate assessments of what children can do or plan for their next steps. He does not provide a good enough range of challenging activities to support them in their learning.
- The childminder does not have a clear picture of the strengths and weaknesses of the setting. He does not identify areas for improvement or manage his assistants effectively. This means that the setting has not made rapid enough progress since the last inspection.

### It has the following strengths

- Children of all ages enjoy being physically active in the garden using bikes, balls and climbing frames. Older children enjoy imaginary games as they play alongside others.
- Children behave well in the setting and enjoy the company of adults and their friends.

## 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

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| ■ WRN: develop an understanding of all matters that must be notified to Ofsted, including to ensure that any person over the age of 16 years who lives or works on the premises and has regular contact with children has their suitability checked                              | 16/03/2018 |
| ■ WRN: ensure appropriate arrangements are in place for the supervision and support of all assistants; this is with particular regard to ensuring they understand that children must be supervised at all times  | 16/03/2018 |
| ■ WRN: ensure children are not left in the sole care of childminding assistants for more than two hours in any single day  | 16/03/2018 |
| ■ WRN: ensure risk assessments are used robustly to make sure children are safe at all times; this is with particular regard to making sure children are safe from the dangers posed by portable electric heaters and making sure children cannot leave the premises unattended. | 16/03/2018 |

### To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage the provider must:

#### Due Date

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| ■ ensure assessments of children's learning are accurate and use this information to provide a range of activities to help them make progress. | 29/06/2018 |
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## Inspection activities

- The inspection was carried out following concerns raised about whether the provider was meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements.
- Two inspectors carried out the inspection and no prior notice was given.
- An inspector had a tour of the home and established who currently lives there.
- Inspectors observed children during play indoors and in the garden.
- Inspectors observed care routines including mealtimes, sleeping arrangements as well as nappy changing.
- Inspectors spoke with assistants and children at appropriate times and had a meeting with the childminder.
- Inspectors looked at a range of documentation including children's learning records, policies and procedures and evidence of suitability checks.

## Inspectors

Debra Davey / Laura Brewer

## Inspection findings

### Effectiveness of the leadership and management is inadequate

The childminder does not have sufficient understanding of how to implement the safeguarding and welfare or the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage. Safeguarding is not effective because the childminder has failed to ensure adults who are living in the setting are known to Ofsted or that their suitability to work with children has been checked. Although he is aware he should not leave children in the care of assistants for more than two hours a day, he recently chose to do so for several days. This is a breach of regulatory requirements and significantly compromises children's safety. Assistants are not adequately supervised or deployed effectively to supervise children and support their safety. The childminder does not have systems in place to reflect on what is done well and what needs to improve. This has resulted in very limited progress in improving the quality of the childminding setting since the last inspection.

### Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

The childminder does not have an accurate picture of children's learning or whether their development is typical for their age. This means that adults working with the children do not have realistic expectations of what children can learn from activities. Children do not have opportunities to practise their skills because the range of activities is limited. This does not help older children make good enough progress to prepare them well for school. Children do have opportunities to play in the garden and engage in freely chosen games with their friends.

### Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

Children's safety is not given enough priority because the childminder has failed to identify and manage risks. For example, over recent weeks the boiler in the home has broken down and portable heaters used. However, they are hot to touch and positioned in reach of the children along with electrical plugs and extension leads. Hygiene routines such as children washing hands before a meal, are now in place despite lack of hot water in the home. Children are not supervised at all times including when young children are in highchairs and on the changing table. Furthermore, the front door can be easily opened by a child because it is not locked and the handle is child height. The failure of the childminder to identify risks compromises children's safety and well-being.

### Outcomes for children are inadequate

Weaknesses in the quality of teaching mean that older children do not make the progress they should. The childminder does not provide a good enough range of activities to ensure children, including those who may need extra support, are prepared well for school. Children are friendly and confident in the childminder's home. Younger children are developing their social and physical skills, for example, they are learning good manners and behave well during every-day routines. The childminder actively seeks the views of parents who feel their children are happy in his care.

## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY425270
<b>Local authority</b>	Greenwich
<b>Inspection number</b>	1125638
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 8
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	6
<b>Name of registered person</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	23 August 2017
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder registered in 2011. He operates from his home in the London Borough of Greenwich. He offers childcare from 7.30am until 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, all year round. The childminder employs a total of four assistants. The childminder has a relevant childcare qualification.

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