

Childminder report

Inspection date	7 August 2018
Previous inspection date	15 October 2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection: Previous inspection:	Inadequate Good	4 2
Effectiveness of 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

The provision is inadequate

- The childminder does not monitor the performance of the assistant working with her. She does not identify and take action to respond to any weaknesses in their teaching.
- The childminder does not provide appropriate facilities for young children who are learning how to use the toilet independently and in privacy.
- The childminder does not promote healthy eating. She does not share information with parents about how they can support their children to eat healthily when in her care.
- The childminder does not maintain acceptable levels of cleanliness at the premises. This is with particular regard to areas used for food preparation and food storage.
- The childminder does not carry out routine checks to identify and minimise any risks or hazards to children at the premises.
- The childminder does not make sure that children are fully protected from the sun when playing outside in hot weather.
- The childminder does not make sure that children have access to fresh drinking water at all times.
- The childminder does not make sure that her assistant has an appropriate paediatric first aid qualification and, at times, they are left in sole care of children.
- The childminder does not make accurate assessments of children's learning. She does not share information with parents or other professionals if there are concerns about a child's development.
- Children do not make enough progress in the childminder's care. She has not taken action to address this and to close any gaps in learning.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder undertakes regular training to keep herself up to date with recent safeguarding and child protection guidance.

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
monitor the performance of assistants caring for children and take action to respond to any identified weaknesses	07/09/2018
meet children's basic care needs by providing suitable facilities for children learning to use the toilet in order to protect their privacy and ensure hygienic practices are followed	07/09/2018
share information with parents and carers about how strategies to promote healthy eating are implemented	07/09/2018
ensure that all areas of the premises are clean - this is with particular regard to areas used for the preparation and storage of food	07/09/2018
take immediate action to ensure that all risks to children are identified and minimised as part of daily practice	07/09/2018
make appropriate provision to protect children from exposure to the sun in hot weather	07/09/2018
provide fresh drinking water for children to access at all times	07/09/2018
ensure that assistants left caring for children on their own have a valid paediatric first aid certificate.	07/09/2018

To meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage and Childcare Register the provider must:

	Due date
ensure that assessments made of children's learning are accurate	02/11/2018
share information with parents and other professionals in a timely manner should there be concerns that a child's learning may be at risk of delay.	02/11/2018

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder, examined documentation and evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector undertook a tour of the premises and the areas used for childminding, including the outdoor areas.
- The inspector observed the quality of teaching and assessed the impact of this on children's learning.
- The inspector carried out a joint evaluation of an activity with the childminder.
- The inspector reviewed a range of the childminder's policies and procedures.

Inspector
Jude Sanders

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

The childminder does not have a sufficient understanding of the statutory requirements. As a result, there are a significant number of breaches of these requirements. The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective. The childminder is not keeping children safe and promoting their welfare. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant to help her care for children. She does not routinely check the quality of her assistant's care and teaching practice. The childminder does not take action to address weaknesses in her assistant's performance. As a result, the assistant does not support children's learning and care effectively. The childminder has not made sure that her assistant has a valid paediatric first aid certificate. However, she has allowed him to have sole care of children at the premises. The childminder has not considered that this compromises children's safety. The childminder has a solid understanding of the signs that a child may be at risk of abuse or neglect. She is clear on the action to take should this situation arise. She has attended training to support her knowledge of wider safeguarding issues. She is able to discuss these confidently and can talk about how she would respond to any relevant concerns.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is inadequate

The childminder makes assessments of children's learning. However, these assessments are not accurate and do not provide a realistic picture of what children know and can do. The childminder has not identified gaps in children's learning. She is not clear on what may concern her about a child's development. She has not shared issues of concern about children's development with parents or other professionals effectively. This means that she has not sought appropriate support or guidance for children and their families when needed. The childminder uses a range of strategies to support children's communication and language skills but she does not review the effectiveness of her teaching on all children's learning.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The childminder is failing to meet the requirements in place to keep children safe. This means that she is not supporting children effectively to become confident and self-motivated learners. She does not make sure that all children can use toilet facilities in privacy. She does not make sure that all children wash their hands after using the toilet. This means that the childminder does not support children to learn how to keep clean and healthy. The childminder does not promote healthy eating for children. She does not monitor the nutritional value of food that children bring from home and has not shared information about healthy eating with parents effectively. As a result, children do not eat healthy and nutritious meals when in her care. The childminder does not make sure that the premises are clean. This refers specifically to the kitchen and areas used to store and prepare food. At the time of the inspection, a number of hazards were found at the premises within reach of children. These included a used ashtray, loose staples and cleaning sprays. The childminder does not carry out checks of the premises so as to identify and minimise these risks. This compromises children's safety and well-being. The childminder does not consider how to protect children from the sun when it is hot. For example, she does not make sure that children wear sun hats when outdoors. The

childminder does not provide fresh drinking water for children before or during outdoor play.

Outcomes for children are inadequate

Children are not developing the key skills they will need for the next stage in their learning. Children's communication and language development is poor and some children have not made any progress in this area for some time. Children are not working at typical levels of development for their age. The childminder has failed to recognise and take effective action to reduce gaps in children's learning and development.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY410305
Local authority	Leicestershire
Inspection number	10070692
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	2 - 5
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	3
Date of previous inspection	15 October 2014

The childminder was re-registered in 2011 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and three adult children in Earl Shilton, Leicestershire. Her husband is also registered as a childminder and one of her adult sons is registered as an assistant. The childminder operates all year round, from 7.30am to 7.00pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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