

Childminder report

Inspection date	7 August 2018
Previous inspection date	18 February 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		Requires improvement	3
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Inadequate	4
Outcomes for children		Not Applicable	

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision is inadequate

- The childminder does not identify and take action to respond to weaknesses in his assistant's teaching. He does not routinely monitor his assistant's performance.
- The childminder does not offer appropriate support and advice to parents to enable children to eat healthily when in his care.
- The childminder does not make sure that the premises are clean. This refers specifically to the kitchen and areas used for food preparation and storage.
- The childminder does not identify potential risks or hazards to children at the premises. He does not take action to reduce risks from hazardous items left accessible to children.
- The childminder does not ensure that children are fully protected from the sun when the weather is hot.
- The childminder does not make sure that children are able to access fresh drinking water at all times at the premises.
- The childminder does not make sure that his assistant has kept up to date with relevant training. He has not made sure that his assistant has a valid paediatric first aid certificate to allow him to care for children on his own for periods of time.
- The childminder does not provide effective support for children's communication and language skills. He has not taken action to respond to weaknesses in his teaching.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder has a solid understanding of the signs and symptoms that a child may be at risk from abuse or neglect. He is clear on the action to take should this situation arise.

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 in response to any identified areas of weakness	30/08/2018
provide effective support for children's communication and language	30/08/2018
share information with parents and carers about how strategies to promote healthy eating are implemented	30/08/2018
ensure that all areas of the premises used for the preparation of meals and snacks are hygienically clean	30/08/2018
take immediate action to ensure that all risks to children are identified and minimised as part of daily practice	30/08/2018
make appropriate provision to protect children from exposure to the sun in hot weather	30/08/2018
provide fresh drinking water for children to access at all times	30/08/2018
ensure that all assistants left caring for children on their own have a valid paediatric first aid certificate	30/08/2018

Inspection activities

- The inspector held discussions with the childminder and examined evidence of the suitability of persons living in the household.
- The inspector spoke with parents and took account of their views.
- The inspector observed activities, the quality of teaching and the impact this has on children's learning.
- The inspector examined documentation, including a range of policies and procedures.

Inspector

Jude Sanders

Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management is inadequate

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective. The childminder does not understand his role in keeping children safe. As a result, there are a number of breaches of the statutory requirements. The childminder is not currently providing a safe standard of care for children. The childminder works alongside an assistant, on occasion, to help him care for children. He does not monitor the effectiveness of his assistant. He does not identify weaknesses in his assistant's teaching and take effective action to support improvement. The childminder does not monitor the training needs of his assistant. As a result, his assistant's paediatric first aid qualification has lapsed. At times, the childminder leaves his assistant in the sole care of children. This means that children's safety and welfare is compromised as the assistant is not currently qualified to attend to a medical emergency should it arise. The childminder has recently accessed training to improve his knowledge of child protection issues. This training has been effective. The childminder is able to discuss what might concern him about a child and how he would respond.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment requires improvement

The childminder misses opportunities to extend children's learning. During the inspection, there were a number of occasions where he stood and watched children playing without involving himself in activities. The quality of teaching is inconsistent. The childminder does not talk to children about their interests or discuss their thoughts and feelings with them. The childminder's interactions with children are limited and can be negative. This means that the childminder is not supporting children's confidence or self-motivation. For example, during the inspection, the childminder stood at the side of the garden and watched children playing football. His only response to this was to remind children not to kick the ball across the garden or he would take it from them. The childminder provides appropriate and interesting activities for children in his care. The outside environment is well resourced. Children were enthusiastic in accessing the range of physical games and activities on offer.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare are inadequate

The childminder is failing to meet a significant number of the statutory requirements. This means that children's safety and well-being are at risk. The childminder cares for children in the family home. He does not routinely make sure that the house is clean. At the time of the inspection, the kitchen was dirty. The childminder has failed to monitor the cleanliness of the kitchen to make sure that it is a safe place to store and prepare food. At the time of the inspection, children were observed eating food which is high in sugar, salt and fat. The childminder has failed to discuss with parents how children should eat healthily at the setting. This means that children are not eating healthy and nutritious meals in the childminder's care. During the inspection, children spent long periods of time playing in the garden when the weather was very hot. The childminder does not consider the impact of the hot weather on children's well-being. He had not made sure that children were fully protected from the sun. He had not checked to see if, for example, children had sun hats to wear. The childminder does not provide fresh drinking water for children when they are playing outside. This means that children are

not able to access water easily when they are involved in activities in the garden. The childminder does not check the premises before children arrive to see if there are any risks that he may need to act upon. At the time of the inspection, a number of hazards were found at the premises. These included a used ashtray, loose staples and cleaning sprays. These items were located in areas accessible to children and could have caused them harm.

Setting details

Unique reference number	959719
Local authority	Leicestershire
Inspection number	10067775
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	6 - 9
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Date of previous inspection	18 February 2014

The childminder was registered in 1999 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. He lives with his wife and three adult children in Earl Shilton, Leicestershire. His wife is also registered as a childminder at these premises and one of his 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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