

Childminder report

Inspection date	4 September 2018
Previous inspection date	5 August 2015

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Requires improvement	3
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
Effectiveness of leadership and management		Requires improvement	3
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment		Good	2
Personal development, behaviour and welfare		Requires improvement	3
Outcomes for children		Good	2

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision requires improvement. It is not yet good because:

- The childminder is not up to date with all statutory training requirements. She does not have a current paediatric first-aid certificate.
- The childminder does not carry out thorough risk assessments of the premises. There is insufficient fire detection equipment in place, such as smoke alarms.
- The childminder does not maximise opportunities to teach children about the importance of keeping healthy and good hygiene practices, particularly in relation to supporting children to wash their hands.
- The childminder is not aware of the need to notify Ofsted of a significant event, such as illness, which might affect the suitability of a provider to look after children.

It has the following strengths

- The childminder offers a warm and welcoming environment for children and families. She knows the children well and they enjoy the time they spend in her care.
- The childminder establishes effective partnerships with parents and other early years settings children attend to support children through a range of transitions. For example, she makes memory books for children who are leaving to start school.
- The childminder organises a wide range of outings for children. They explore the local area and learn about the world around them. For example, children enjoy trips to a local cafe to choose their own drinks.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

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

	Due date
obtain and maintain a relevant paediatric first aid certificate	05/10/2018
improve risk assessment processes to ensure appropriate fire safety equipment, including smoke alarms, is in place	18/09/2018
improve knowledge of changes, including illness, that must be notified to Ofsted.	31/10/2018

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

- strengthen ways to enhance children's understanding of the importance of being healthy, in particular, good handwashing procedures.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed areas of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder and children at appropriate points throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed the childminder interacting with the children.
- The inspector examined samples of documents including policies and children's records.
- The inspector took account of the views of parents.

Inspector

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Inspection findings

Effectiveness of leadership and management requires improvement

The childminder works closely with parents keeping them up to date with experiences children have had while in her care. Parents speak very highly of her. The childminder includes the views of parents in the evaluation of her practice to identify areas for improvement. Safeguarding is effective. The childminder demonstrates an awareness of child protection procedures and knows the processes to follow if she has concerns about children's welfare. However, the childminder is not fully aware of current legislation. She failed to notify Ofsted of ill health that could affect her suitability to work with children. She does not have a current paediatric first-aid certificate.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good

The childminder closely monitors children's progress. She builds on children's interests to plan a range of activities for children in her care. For example, she uses children's interests in engines and cars to introduce activities that help extend early problem-solving skills. The childminder provides lots of resources suitable for children of different ages which they are able to access independently. The childminder broadens children's experiences of the wider world. For example, she organises trips to a local park to watch deer running in the wild. The childminder makes good use of opportunities to develop children's physical skills. For example, she encourages children to balance plastic rings on their heads while walking.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare require improvement

Children form strong attachments with the childminder. She supports children's emotional development effectively. For example, she praises and encourages children during play. The childminder provides healthy snacks and home-cooked meals that children enjoy. However, at times she does not promote good hygiene practices. For example, she does not consistently encourage children to wash their hands before eating. The childminder risk assesses the premises daily to ensure it is clean and safe for the children. However, she does not ensure appropriate fire safety equipment, such as smoke alarms, are fitted.

Outcomes for children are good

All children make progress from their starting points. Children make purposeful choices in their play and develop good levels of concentration. Children are polite and behaviour is good. They share, take turns and play well together. They learn to think for themselves. For example, while playing with a toy ambulance the childminder asks children how they would help people to get out of it. They are independent and confident learners and develop the skills they need for their next stage of learning, such as starting school.

Setting details

Unique reference number	126609
Local authority	Kent
Inspection number	10060297
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children	3 - 6
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	6
Date of previous inspection	5 August 2015

The childminder registered in 1994. She lives in Rusthall, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent. She currently minds children on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year.

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