

Inspection of Zig Zag Pre-school

127 Rowlett Road, Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 2BS

Inspection date:

9 September 2022

**The quality and
standards of early
years provision**

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Not applicable

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The nominated individual and the acting manager have not ensured the premises are safe and secure for children. In several areas of the setting there are significant issues with the premises. Outdoors there are fence panels missing. An external door with a secure entry system is broken. Inside, a room which leads to different premises is left unlocked. This means children could leave the premises unsupervised. Furthermore, unauthorised adults could enter the setting and gain access to children. This presents a significant risk to children's safety.
- The nominated individual and the acting manager have not completed adequate risk assessments. Some areas of the setting contain inappropriate items which could be harmful to children. In the toilets, cleaning products and decorating materials are left where children can access them. The provider has not ensured these items are stored safely.
- The nominated individual does not have public liability insurance in place for the setting.
- The nominated individual has not ensured that a member of staff has a paediatric first-aid qualification.
- The first-aid box is unsuitable. The nominated individual has not ensured it is checked regularly. Some first-aid equipment, such as eye wash, has passed its expiry date. This means the items are unsuitable to use if required. Paediatric first-aid treatment could not be administered to children effectively.
- Despite the above weaknesses, the acting manager has a secure knowledge of the signs and symptoms of abuse. She knows who to report concerns to in line with local safeguarding partnership guidance. The acting manager is confident on the procedure to follow should an allegation be made against a staff member.
- The acting manager explains, through discussion, how she plans to meet the learning and development requirements. She explains how she will find out all about children before they start, and plan activities to suit the next stages of their learning.
- The acting manager explains how she will encourage children to behave in a positive way. She describes how she will support children to take turns and share with other children. The acting manager discusses how she will praise children when they are kind to other children.
- The acting manager demonstrates that she is aware of how to develop an effective partnership with parents. She will hold daily conversations with parents to ensure there is constant communication. The acting manager will work in partnership with other agencies that support children.

There were no children in the early years age range present when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no early years children present, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

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

	Due date
ensure the security at the setting is effective, to prevent children from leaving the setting unsupervised and unauthorised people gaining access	30/09/2022
ensure risk assessments identify and minimise all risks and hazards to children to ensure their safety	30/09/2022
ensure public liability insurance is in place	16/09/2022
maintain an appropriate paediatric first-aid qualification	30/09/2022
ensure there is a first-aid box which contains appropriate, in-date content for use with children.	16/09/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	2541458
Local authority	North Northamptonshire
Inspection number	10208673
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	44
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Zig Zag Day Nursery Limited
Registered person unique reference number	RP531315
Telephone number	01536350223
Date of previous inspection	Not applicable

Information about this early years setting

Zig Zag Pre-school registered in 2019. It is located in Corby, Northamptonshire. The setting operates Monday to Friday from 9am until 3pm during term time only. One member of staff is employed at the setting. They hold an appropriate early years qualification at level 6.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Emily Lofts

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the provider received since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provision.
- The nominated individual and the acting manager showed the inspector around the setting.
- The inspector discussed with the acting manager how they intend to meet the learning and development requirements.
- The acting manager discussed the safeguarding and welfare requirements with the inspector.

We carried out this inspection under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the early years foundation stage.

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