

Inspection of Early Childhood Playbus

Early Childhood Playbus, Model Farm, Briggington, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9NY

Inspection date:

23 September 2022

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The provider has not kept their knowledge up to date regarding local safeguarding procedures. While the provider demonstrates through discussion that he has knowledge of the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect, he does not know the local procedures and agencies to contact that will swiftly help children at risk of harm.
- The provider has not maintained public liability insurance. Furthermore, the provider failed to update Ofsted in a timely manner about the location of the play bus. Nevertheless, the provider understands how to ensure the staff working with children are suitable to do so. He keeps required documentation, including vetting checks and paediatric first-aid certificates.
- Through discussion, the provider demonstrates he has sufficient knowledge of how children learn. He explains how he and staff will help children settle in and support their communication and language skills. He understands the learning and development requirements of the 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage', including the information required to complete a progress check for children aged between two and three years.
- The provider expresses a passion for helping children be ready for the next stage of their learning. He speaks about how he will help them gain pre-reading and early mathematical skills. He explains how he will encourage children's imagination and curiosity as they spend time exploring activities on the play bus.
- The provider knows how to keep the play bus safe for children. He ensures finger guards and handrails are in place. The provider explains how he will encourage children to keep themselves safe by, for example, going up the stairs of the play bus one at a time and holding on to the handrail.
- The provider demonstrates how he will support children to manage their feelings and build on their social skills. For example, when children become excited about playing on the play bus, he explains the strategies in place to help children feel calmer and build their concentration.
- The provider demonstrates through discussion that he understands the importance of working with parents and other professionals. He understands that he needs to gather information about the child before they attend a session on the play bus. Furthermore, he explains ways to help children when they are not attending a play session on the play bus, such as giving parents resources to use at home or signposting them to other professionals.

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 and
Childcare Register the provider must:**

	Due date
improve understanding of the local safeguarding procedures so that children receive help quickly when needed	28/10/2022
obtain and maintain public liability insurance.	28/10/2022

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY286969
Local authority	Central Bedfordshire
Inspection number	10254360
Type of provision	Childcare on non-domestic premises
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Full day care
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	16
Number of children on roll	0
Name of registered person	Johnson, Edward James
Registered person unique reference number	RP512528
Telephone number	07719681124
Date of previous inspection	8 January 2016

Information about this early years setting

Early Childhood Playbus registered in 2004 and operates as a mobile childcare facility. The playbus employs four members of childcare staff. Of these, two hold appropriate early years qualifications at level 3, one holds early years professional status and one has qualified teacher status. The playbus can offer care seven days a week, all year round.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Elke Rockey

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 provider and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the provider.
- The inspector talked with the provider about his understanding of the requirements for safeguarding, welfare, and learning and development.
- The inspector viewed both levels of the play bus. She talked with the provider about resources and equipment used and viewed some of these.
- The inspector looked at a range of documentation used by the provider when caring for children, including suitability of staff and qualification documents.

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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