

Childminder report

Inspection date:

11 January 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (with actions)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder does not understand her responsibilities to safeguard children. She is unable to demonstrate recent safeguarding training to help her to ensure that her knowledge is kept up to date. The childminder lacks knowledge of how to respond if an allegation is made against her or any other adult who works with children.
- The childminder lacks understanding of her statutory duty to maintain a log of complaints, or to maintain safeguarding documents and make them available for inspection. This raises concerns about the childminder's ability to safely manage her provision for children.
- The childminder lacks knowledge of safe recruitment procedures. As a result, important barriers to exclude predators seeking to infiltrate the setting have not been fully implemented, as is guided by local safeguarding agencies. Additionally, the childminder does not consistently notify Ofsted of changes to people working with the children on her childminding premises. This means other checks to help determine their suitability cannot be completed by Ofsted.
- The childminder has procedures in place to provide an inclusive environment for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She has formed a partnership with the local authority inclusion officer to help ensure she can support children's individual needs.
- Although the childminder responds to advice and guidance, she is unable to demonstrate an ability to monitor the quality of her own provision. She does not identify potential hazards in her home, including the risk associated with small toys and nappy sacks which would be within reach of small children. These would pose a choking or suffocation threat to babies.
- The childminder is knowledgeable of suitable strategies to help children behave well. For example, she describes how she could use language to help children feel positively about themselves.
- Although her home is clean and welcoming, the childminder does not demonstrate a suitable understanding of preventing cross-contamination. For example, she does not demonstrate a secure understanding of suitable hygiene procedures for disinfecting nappy changing mats between uses. However, the childminder understands other aspects of promoting children's good health. For example, there is a spacious garden which is well equipped for physical outdoor play. She provides nutritious home-cooked meals for children. The childminder has procedures in place to ensure children are not exposed to food to which they are allergic.
- The childminder understands the importance of including parents in their child's learning. She demonstrates how she can help them to support children's learning at home, for example sharing helpful advice with parents, that includes helping their child develop a love of reading. However, the childminder does not fully understand the statutory requirement for completing the progress check for children who are aged between two and three years, including to provide parents with a written summary of their child's development.

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
implement effective systems to ensure that assistants and any other person who may have regular contact with children are suitable	20/01/2023
provide Ofsted with information about changes to assistants to enable checks to be carried out to determine their suitability	20/01/2023
undertake suitable training to gain knowledge about identifying and responding to allegations made against an adult on the premises	20/01/2023
take all reasonable steps to ensure that children are not exposed to risks, and demonstrate how risks are managed to keep children safe	20/01/2023
keep a written record of complaints and their outcomes	20/01/2023
maintain safeguarding records and ensure they are available for inspection	20/01/2023
improve understanding of assessment, including the requirements for the content of the progress check for children aged between two and three years.	20/01/2023

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY455206
Local authority	Barnet
Inspection number	10235999
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	0 to 0
Total number of places	9
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	10 January 2017

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2013. She lives in the London Borough of Barnet. The childminder operates from Monday to Friday, from 8.30am until 6.30pm, all year round, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an early years qualification at level 3. She works with a co-childminder and an assistant. She provides free early years education for children aged two, three and four years.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Elizabeth Shack

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder 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 childminder.
- Discussions were held between the childminder and the inspector. This included discussions about the childminder's understanding of the requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- Documentation was reviewed and discussed with the childminder.
- The inspector viewed the provision and discussed the safety and suitability of the premises.

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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