

Childminder report

Inspection date:

15 November 2023

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (enforcement)

Previous
inspection

Good

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The provider does not have a sufficiently secure understanding of how to identify and address safeguarding issues. She does not have a good enough knowledge of her responsibilities to ensure that she would be able to take appropriate actions to protect children should the need arise.
- Ofsted previously raised an action around the childminder's knowledge of what action to take if there is an allegation made about her or her assistant. Despite this, the childminder does not display confidence in knowing what action to take in the event of such an incident. This means she cannot be relied upon to take suitable action to safeguard children.
- The childminder explains that she carries out risk assessments. However, there are potential safety hazards in areas that she states are used by children. The childminder does not have good enough arrangements in place to ensure that the areas used by children are safe.
- The childminder has arrangements to record information shared by parents regarding the children in her care. However, these records are incomplete and do not ensure that the childminder has the information required for the safe and efficient management of her setting. For example, she does not have complete and accurate details of children's addresses and who has parental responsibility for them.
- The childminder explains that some children who attend have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Although the childminder is aware of this and has some information about their needs, she does not consider her role in supporting children or sharing information with schools and other professionals.
- The childminder has a policy for administering medication to children but does not ensure that this is understood by parents. She does not have sufficiently robust arrangements to ensure that children's health needs are understood and met.
- The childminder does not maintain an accurate record of the hours that children attend. For example, when the childminder collects children from school, she does not record their attendance until they arrive at her property. In addition, on days when she collected them from school but does not bring them to her property, she does not record their attendance at all. The childminder does not have the required details of the days and times that children are in her care. This does not sufficiently promote children's safety and welfare.
- The childminder has some awareness of the learning and development requirements. For example, she talks about how she will plan activities for young children and knows that her curriculum needs to support children's learning.

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?

The provision is not meeting requirements and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

	Due date
develop a secure knowledge of all safeguarding responsibilities and use this to ensure that practices promote children's safety and welfare	28/11/2023
improve awareness of local safeguarding partners procedures specifically in relation to managing allegations	28/11/2023
ensure that risk assessments are robust to identify hazards in the environment, particularly in the garden cabin where older children play	28/11/2023
ensure that information about children is complete and correct, including children's full address, what parents/carers are known to the childminder and who has parental responsibility	28/11/2023
develop a secure knowledge of how to support children with identified special educational needs and/or disabilities so that children have consistent and effective support	28/11/2023
ensure that practices around administering medicines to children are appropriate to support their health needs	28/11/2023

ensure that the daily record of children's attendance reflects the actual time that children are cared for.	28/11/2023
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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY553803
Local authority	Milton Keynes
Inspection number	10314442
Type of provision	Childminder
Registers	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
Day care type	Childminder
Age range of children at time of inspection	6 to 14
Total number of places	12
Number of children on roll	9
Date of previous inspection	2 October 2019

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2017 and is registered to work with an assistant. She operates all year round from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and sometimes on a Saturday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Hayley Marshall-Gowen

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 provider.
- The inspector discussed with the provider what their intentions are for the curriculum of learning for children.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the provider plans to use when caring for children.
- The inspector reviewed all areas of the property used for childminding.
- The inspector confirmed there was evidence of the suitability of the childminder and assistant by looking at the Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

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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