

Childminder report

Inspection date:

26 May 2021

Overall effectiveness

Inadequate

The quality of education

Inadequate

Behaviour and attitudes

Inadequate

Personal development

Inadequate

Leadership and management

Inadequate

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection

Not Met (with actions)

What is it like to attend this early years setting?

The provision is inadequate

Children are not kept safe enough in the childminder's care, as the environment is not safe and suitable for children. For example, the childminder has to remove bowls of leftover food before children are able to safely use the play kitchen. Children seek support from the childminder and her assistant and receive a kind response. However, the childminder does not have an adequate understanding of their learning needs. As a result, she does not plan or provide challenging or stimulating activities for the children and children are not supported to make the progress they are capable of. For example, when children find dolls to play with, these are damaged and unclothed. As a result, children soon lose interest in playing with them, which limits their opportunities to learn.

Children receive praise when they achieve, such as when using the potty. This makes them feel proud. The childminder provides care for children overnight. However, she does not provide them with a comfortable, clean and safe space to help them feel relaxed and valued. Also, the childminder has failed to notify Ofsted of all adults living on the premises.

The childminder continued to provide care for some children during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. She has taught children about the importance of having clean hands and reminds them to wash their hands regularly.

What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?

- The childminder fails to carry out effective risk assessments. For example, she has failed to take steps to ensure children are unable to access a window on the first floor, which they could open wide and fall out of. This is in a room where children sleep overnight. The childminder states that children do not currently use the garden. However, the door from the kitchen to the garden is frequently left open when children are present. She has failed to identify the significant risks to children should they access the garden. This includes an accessible, uncovered swimming pool, broken bicycles and garden tools, and large amounts of dog excrement on the paths and in the grass. In addition, there are considerable amounts of alcohol accessible to children.
- The childminder fails to ensure her premises are clean and tidy and ready for her to care for children. She does not ensure that areas where food is prepared and where children eat and play are clean and suitable. For example, used cat food bowls are left on the dining table and discarded packaging from snacks litter the floor in the kitchen and lounge.
- The childminder does not keep an accurate record of children's attendance. This means she is unclear about which children are present on a certain date. She employs an assistant, and also does not record when the assistant is present

and caring for children. This fails to safeguard children's welfare.

- The childminder does not have a good enough understanding of children's individual learning needs to ensure she can support these well. She fails to complete the required progress check for children aged between two and three years and, therefore, does not identify when children may need extra support early enough. She lacks any clear intent of what she wants children to learn. She does not plan activities that support children to make progress in all areas of learning.
- The childminder does not ensure that all adults living at her home address are suitable. She has failed to provide Ofsted with information about an additional household member. This means that checks have not been completed, to ensure their suitability.
- Children are not sufficiently motivated to learn. Toys and resources are often damaged, incomplete, or difficult for them to access. Children do not receive enough support from adults caring for them, to help them become fully engaged in play.

Safeguarding

The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.

The childminder fails to take appropriate steps to ensure children are adequately safeguarded. Her ability to assess potential risks to children is poor. This means she does not provide children with an environment that supports their safety and health. The childminder has a basic understanding of child protection procedures, gained through attending training. She shares this knowledge with her assistant,. This helps them to recognise when a child may be suffering harm and understand their role and responsibility to act on this.

What does the setting need to do to improve?

The provision is inadequate and Ofsted intends to take enforcement action.

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

	Due date
improve risk assessment procedures to ensure that any potential hazards or risks are identified promptly and action is taken to remove or minimise risk to children	03/06/2021
ensure the premises are safe and fit for purpose	03/06/2021

notify Ofsted of any person who lives on the premises, and supply any required information to allow for the required checks to be completed to ensure they are suitable	03/06/2021
maintain an accurate daily record of the names of children being cared for on the premises, their hours of attendance, and details of any adult who is caring for them.	03/06/2021

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

	Due date
gain a better understanding of children's individual learning needs, in order to provide a curriculum that enables all children to make good progress in their learning and development	24/06/2021
complete the required progress check for children aged between two and three years, and share this with parents.	24/06/2021

Setting details

Unique reference number	142675
Local authority	Somerset
Inspection number	10195771
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	3 to 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Date of previous inspection	18 December 2014

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 1998. She lives in Somerton, Somerset. She provides care for children throughout the year, and is available weekdays and weekends and may also provide overnight care. The family has three pet cats and three dogs. The childminder sometimes works with an assistant.

Information about this inspection

Inspector

Samantha Powis

Inspection activities

- This was the first routine inspection the childminder received since the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic began. The inspector discussed the impact of the pandemic with the childminder and has taken this into account in the evaluation of the setting.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about the activities she provides for children and how she monitors children's development.
- The inspector spoke to children and observed their responses to the childminder's interactions.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder's assistant.
- The inspector viewed areas of the childminder's home used by children.
- This inspection was prompted due to the risk assessment process.

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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