

Childminder report

Inspection date:

15 March 2024

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

**This
inspection**

Not met (enforcement)

Previous
inspection

Met

Summary of key findings

This provision does not meet requirements

- The environment is unsafe and, therefore, unsuitable for young children. In the garden, there are several hazards, such as broken fencing and equipment. The childminder has risk assessments, but fails to carry out checks to identify and remove risks for children. As a result, she does not maintain a suitable premises for childminding.
- The childminder does not display a suitable knowledge of safeguarding. She cannot explain about how to manage allegations about herself or household members. She is unaware of who to report such concerns to. The childminder shows an insufficient awareness of the signs and symptoms that might indicate children are at risk of harm. She is unfamiliar with local safeguarding partners' guidance. This means she cannot be relied on to take swift action if children are at risk of harm.
- The childminder's policies and procedures are ineffective. They do not guide the her to understand what action she must take in relation to administering medication to children and dealing with safeguarding incidents.
- Despite being aware that all individuals aged sixteen years and over need to have their suitability checked by Ofsted, the childminder fails to provide information to enable Ofsted to do this. Consequently, there are not assurances that all household members are suitable. This does not adequately safeguard children.
- The childminder has failed to complete first-aid training. As a result, she cannot be relied on to take the correct action to administer treatment to children in the event of an accident or emergency.
- Since registration, the childminder has not sufficiently updated her knowledge and skills. As such, she has not maintained a secure understanding of the requirements of registration and there are numerous breaches, which have a negative impact on her ability to care and educate children.
- The childminder has a weak understanding of how young children learn. She is not able to identify what guidance she might use to monitor and review children's progress and explains that she has not updated her knowledge about how children learn. As a result, she does not demonstrate that she is able to provide a suitable curriculum for young children to be able to learn well. Furthermore, she is unclear of what action she should take to meet the needs of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities
- The childminder understands how to manage children's behaviour suitably and shows willingness to improve other aspects of practice.

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
ensure that the premises are safe and suitable for children's use	28/03/2024
implement suitable risk assessments that continually help to identify and minimise any risks for children	28/03/2024
improve safeguarding knowledge and understanding to be fully aware of when children might be at risk of harm and the action to take if there was an allegation about the childminder or household members	28/03/2024
implement suitable policies and procedures following local safeguarding partners guidance to identify how to keep children safe	28/03/2024
ensure that information is supplied to Ofsted to carry out checks of all household members 16 years and over	28/03/2024
undertake suitable paediatric first-aid training	28/03/2024
carry out professional development that improves knowledge of requirements to ensure children's learning, development and safety are promoted.	28/03/2024

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

	Due date
improve knowledge of how young children learn, including the areas of learning and development in order to understand how to plan a suitable curriculum for children	28/03/2024
increase awareness of how to identify and support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and know how to act on concerns about children's development.	28/03/2024

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY267740
Local authority	Milton Keynes
Inspection number	10308147
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	0 to 0
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Date of previous inspection	20 March 2018

Information about this early years setting

The childminder registered in 2003 and lives in Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes. Her working hours are all year round, Monday to Friday, from 7.30am until 6pm.

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 childminder and has taken that into account in their evaluation of the setting.
- 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 the childminder uses for childminding.
- The inspector looked at required documentation, such as 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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