



## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Type of inspection</b>	Childcare
<b>Type of care</b>	Childminding

## ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

### The key inspection judgements and what they mean

*Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality*

*Good: this aspect of the provision is strong*

*Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound*

*Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough*

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## THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.

### WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 1992. She lives with her two teenage children in Winchester, Hampshire within walking distance to local schools shops and parks. All areas of the premises are used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The family have a hamster and a bird.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time and is currently minding 8 children on a part time basis. The childminder attends the local toddler group. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

### **Helping children to be healthy**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children enjoy a range of activities which contribute to their good health. Each day there are activities to help them develop their physical skills and enjoy playing in the fresh air. These include trips to the park and digging in the sand pit.

Children are cared for in a clean home which contributes to their good health although hand washing routines are not always adhered to therefore could lead to cross infection and medicines are not stored safely. Children benefit from a healthy diet and have access to drinks throughout the day. The childminder takes account of the parents wishes and the children's preferences to provide nutritious meals and snacks that meet their dietary requirements.

### **Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe**

The provision is satisfactory.

Children use a wide range of good quality, developmentally appropriate play equipment and an adequate range of books. They are well organised and available to children to independently select in the child centred conservatory.

Children are appropriately protected due to the childminders basic knowledge of child protection.

Children are generally safe within the childminders home. She has ensured the pond is covered and her home is secure. Most aspects of fire safety are adequate, however, children are not aware of the emergency evacuation procedure. Children are well supervised and the childminder is safety conscious when taking them on outings. For example children understand the need to hold hands to keep safe and the childminder carries emergency contact details for them.

### **Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do**

The provision is good.

Children settle very well at the childminders home and happily explore the activities on offer. Children develop confidence and self esteem through the positive relationships with the childminder and their peers. They enjoy playing with the childminder who supports and encourages them to develop skills. Children take part in purposeful activities such as putting their shoes on to play outside. They initiate their own imaginative play and co-operate well. For example children role play as baby and carer, rocking each other to sleep whilst singing a lullaby.

Interaction is very good. Children are confident to ask questions, showing trust in the childminder. They express themselves creatively and imaginatively.

## **Helping children make a positive contribution**

The provision is good.

All children are welcomed into the childminders home. Their needs are met well regarding their daily routines, diet and play.

Children behave well. They show care and concern for each other, and play together harmoniously. Children learn to discuss problems due to the childminders use of discussion and positive behaviour management techniques. They learn right from wrong through clear explanation and direction from the childminder.

Children benefit from the positive partnership the childminder builds with parents. They share information regularly on an informal verbal basis. For children aged under one year, the childminder uses a daily diary to record information regarding sleep, feeds and activities of the day.

## **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

Children feel comfortable and at ease in the well-organised environment. This enables them to learn and develop well. All required documentation is in place promoting the care and welfare of children. Parents are well informed about her service and the policies to which she works. The childminder has a first aid certificate to enable her to deal with accidents appropriately. The individual needs of children are met well.

## **Improvements since the last inspection**

At the last inspection two recommendations were made, to request written permission from parents to seek emergency medical treatment and advice, and to provide resources reflecting positive images of disability. The risk to children's health has been improved due to the required parental consent being obtained. Children's understanding of those with disabilities has been developed due to the provision of some suitable resources.

## **Complaints since the last inspection**

There are no complaints to report.

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## WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

### The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- conduct and record the emergency evacuation procedure
- develop handwashing routines
- ensure medicines are not accessible to children.

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