



Inspection report for early years provision

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**Inspector** Alison Large

**Type of inspection** Childcare  
**Type of care** 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 2002. She lives with her husband and 2 children aged 9 and 7 in the Fareham area of Hampshire. Most areas of the property are used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of 5 children at any one time and is currently minding 3 children under 5 all day and 2 children over 5 before and after school. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. The family have a pet hamster.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

## **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION**

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

The provision is good.

Children enjoy a varied range of outdoor activities which contribute to their good health and physical development. The childminder recognises the benefits of daily exercise for the children and they have opportunities to develop their small and large muscles. The childminder provides a good range of outdoor interests for the children, including balls, wheeled toys and visits to the park.

Children begin to understand the benefits of healthy eating and are offered snacks which regularly include fruit. Younger children are offered regular drinks, while older children are able to request drinks which include water or squash, which ensures their needs are met.

Children become aware of the importance of good hygiene. They wash their hands under running water after using the toilet and before eating, which promotes an awareness of good health. Children's health is well promoted by the childminder, for example when preparing snacks and responding to accidents. However, the childminder has yet to renew her first aid training, and has not ensured her consents for emergency medical treatment have been completed for every child, which means children's well-being could be put at risk.

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

The provision is good.

Children are well cared for in a bright spacious environment, resources are stored accessibly to allow children to move around safely. The developmental needs of the children are met by the range of equipment that is made available to them, which is clean, safe and well maintained. The childminder rotates the toys regularly to provide the children with a good balance of learning opportunities.

The childminder has a good understanding of safety issues and pays high attention to ensuring risks and hazards are minimised and children's safety is promoted. The childminder has all the required documents in place to ensure the children's welfare is safeguarded and promoted. She has a good knowledge and understanding of child protection issues and recognises her role and responsibilities in keeping children safe from harm.

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

The provision is good.

The children build good relationships with the childminder and mostly arrive happily

and settle well. The childminder knows the children well and talks to them about their family and what they have been doing at home. This interaction helps the children develop a strong sense of trust and secures their relationship with the childminder. The children enjoy the childminders company and engage in conversation with her, she joins their play, encouraging their social skills.

Children enjoy their time with the childminder and develop their independence by being able to access an exciting and stimulating range of resources. The childminder recognises the value of play in a child's development and introduces a range of experiences, enabling the children to play together as well as independently. Older children are able to enjoy different activities from the younger children, which are more suited to their developmental stages and ensures their individual needs are met.

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

The provision is good.

The children are valued and respected as individuals. Children make themselves at home, confidently deciding what to do. They have time to relax as well as be active and develop confidence in selecting and making choices. Children are able to access some resources to promote a positive view of the wider world and increase their awareness of diversity, which helps them develop an understanding of others.

Children behave well, the childminder supports the younger children and uses plenty of praise and encouragement, commending children's achievements and developing their confidence. The children benefit from the childminder's good relationship with the parents. Information is exchanged daily to ensure the children's individual needs are met. However, the childminder has not put a complaints record in place, which affects the sharing of information with parents.

### **Organisation**

The organisation is good.

The children are able to move around freely in the well organised environment, which maximises the play opportunities for the children. Most of the required documentation which contributes to children's health, safety and well-being is in place, stored confidentially and regularly reviewed. However, documentation relating to complaints and parental consents are yet to be put in place. The childminder shows a commitment to ongoing training and is interested in becoming a member of an accredited childminding network. The childminder meets the needs of the range of children for whom she provides.

### **Improvements since the last inspection**

At the last inspection the childminder was asked to keep a record, signed by parents of medicines given to children; and to request written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice and treatment. The childminder's medication

records have now been updated to ensure the required details are all recorded, and the consents have been put in place, but not for every child, which means the well-being of every child is not ensured.

### **Complaints since the last inspection**

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.

## **THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE**

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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):

- keep a record of complaints relating to the National Standards and any action taken
- complete an appropriate first aid course that includes training in first aid for infants and young children
- ensure the request for written permission from parents for seeking emergency medical advice and treatment is completed for each child

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