

Inspection date	30/12/2013
Previous inspection date	10/01/2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	4

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good understanding of how to promote the health and safety of the children in her care. She has assessed the risks to her premises well and has minimised these so that children are able to use all areas of the premises and the garden in their play.
- The childminder understands how children learn and is able to provide them with a wide range of resources that are age appropriate and that meet their interests and needs.
- The childminder has improved her knowledge of the learning and development requirements, to assist her in developing her skills in observing, assessing and planning for children's next steps.
- The childminder's knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children is strong. She regularly updates her training so that she knows the correct procedure to follow if she has concerns about a child in her care.
- The childminder has developed positive methods to help parents to consistently share what they know about their child's ongoing learning and development and provide further opportunities for them to contribute to their child's learning record.

Information about this inspection

Inspections of registered early years provision are:

- scheduled at least once in every inspection cycle – the current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
- scheduled more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged inadequate
- brought forward in the inspection cycle where Ofsted has received information that suggests the provision may not be meeting the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage or where assessment of the provision identifies a need for early inspection
- prioritised where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There were no children on roll 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 children on roll, 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.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and looked at documentation used to fulfil the legal requirements.
- The inspector looked at areas of the home and garden used for childminding.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of childminder and other household members aged over 16 years.

Inspector

Lindsay Hare

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2006 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband, two adult children and one child aged 11 years in the Bedwell area of Stevenage, Hertfordshire. The childminder uses the whole of the ground floor and the rear garden for childminding. The family has one dog, two snakes, chickens and marine fish.

There are currently no children on roll. The childminder operates Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm, all year round, except bank holidays.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
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The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	Met
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What inspection judgements mean

Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 3	Requires improvement	The provision is not giving children a good standard of early years education and/or there are minor breaches of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected within twelve months of the date of this inspection.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement action. The provision is failing to give children an acceptable standard of early years education and/or is not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected again within six months of the date of this inspection.
Met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider does not meet the requirements for registration.

Inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted 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.

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY342273
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	903275
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10/01/2013
Telephone number	

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and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

Childminders care for one or more children where individual children attend for a period of more than two hours in any one day. They operate from domestic premises, which are usually the childminder's own home. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Out of school provision may be sessional or full-time provision and is delivered before or after school and/or in the summer holidays. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. Where children receive their Early Years Foundation Stage in school these providers do not have to deliver the learning and development requirements in full but should complement the experiences children receive in school.

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