

<b>Inspection date</b>	09/12/2013
Previous inspection date	17/07/2013

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	Met
	Previous inspection:	2

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

### **The provision meets requirements**

- The childminder has a sound understanding of safeguarding. A recent incident resulted in Ofsted raising a welfare requirement notice regarding safeguarding and two notices to improve for safeguarding, child protection and documentation. The childminder has now attended relevant training and has improved systems for safeguarding children. Legal requirements are met with regard to documentation.
- The childminder plans a stimulating play and learning environment with a wide range of good quality toys. She has a secure understanding of effective ways to observe, assess and plan for children's learning. She has procedures to find out from parents what children can do as they start and to make her own observations to plan for the next stage in their learning.
- The childminder has a sound understanding of how to support children's emotional health. She plans settling-in visits with both children and parents to help her get to know children and understand their needs. She plans a welcoming environment. Toys are stored at low level to enable children to choose what they want to play with to promote their independence.
- The childminder regularly evaluates the quality of her practice. She acts effectively on recommendations and actions raised by Ofsted. As a result she has improved the way she obtains and maintains records to ensure they are accurate. She has a clear commitment to her professional development. She works closely with local authority development workers and sets targets for further improvement.

## 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 safeguard children and deliver the educational programmes for young children.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the childminder plans to use when caring for young children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder the ways she evaluates her provision and plans further improvement.
- The inspector checked evidence of qualifications and suitability of the childminder and household members aged over sixteen.

## Inspector

Mary Wignall

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2005 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives in Widnes in Cheshire with her three adult children, one of whom sometimes works as her assistant. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. The family has two pet dogs.

The childminder collects children from local schools and nurseries, and attends toddler groups and visits the local park on a regular basis. There are currently seven children on roll, of whom, none are in the early years age group. Children attend for a variety of sessions. The childminding provision operates all year round from 7am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. There were no children on roll in the early years age group when this inspection took place.

### The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>
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The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>
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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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY298117
<b>Local authority</b>	Halton
<b>Inspection number</b>	941474
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Registration category</b>	Childminder
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 17
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	7
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	17/07/2013
<b>Telephone number</b>	

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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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