

Inspection date	23/05/2014
Previous inspection date	05/06/2013

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 early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend because the childminder understands how children learn and develop through play. She has a wide range of toys and resources to support learning and development in all areas.
- There are appropriate systems in place to promote the learning, development and assessment requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This includes establishing what children can do on entry, completing observations and assessments to inform children's activity plans and tracking their progress towards the early learning goals.
- The contribution of the early years provision to children's well-being is good. The childminder has a sound knowledge and understanding to support children to learn about keeping themselves safe and healthy.
- The leadership and management of the early years provision are adequate. There are appropriate systems in place for the childminder to monitor, evaluate and prioritise aspects of the provision to be developed.
- The childminder is aware of the need to work in partnership with parents and others who are involved in the care and learning of the children, to ensure that children receive relevant support and continuity in their learning and development.
- The actions and recommendations raised at the last inspection have been addressed. The childminder has completed a paediatric first aid course, valid insurance is in place and she has attended a wealth of training and accessed support to further develop her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage including the progress check completed between the age of two and three years.
- The childminder demonstrates that she understands her role and responsibility with regard to safeguarding children. All policies, procedures and risk assessments are in place and are shared with parents.

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.
- The inspector looked at policies, procedures and documents the childminder will use when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder the self-evaluation form and her future plans to develop the provision in the children's best interests.
- The inspector checked evidence of the childminder's qualifications and of the suitability of all adults in the home.

Inspector

Eileen Grimes

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1995 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and adult daughter in a house in Bedlington, Northumberland. The whole of the ground floor, bathroom on the first floor and the rear garden are used for childminding. The childminder attends a toddler group and activities at the local children's centre. She visits the shops and park on a regular basis. She collects children from the local schools and pre-schools. There are currently three children on roll, one is in the early years age group and attends for a variety of sessions. There were no children in the early years age group present on the day of the inspection. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. She is a member of Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	Met

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	403040
Local authority	Northumberland
Inspection number	963162
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	05/06/2013
Telephone number	

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Sessional provision operates for more than two hours but does not exceed three hours in any one day. These are usually known as pre-schools, kindergartens or nursery schools

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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