Inspection date	22/05/2014
Previous inspection date	08/12/2010

The quality and standards of the early years provision	**This inspection:**	Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and written policies, a suitable knowledge of safeguarding procedures and how to protect children in her care.
- The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage learning and development requirements. She knows how to observe and assess children's learning in order to plan activities that the children enjoy, provide suitable challenge and encourage children's continuing development.
- The childminder demonstrates effective methods for engaging parents and encouraging them to share what they know about their child. She recognises the importance of finding out about children's care routines when children start attending and explains the sound practices she adopts to keep parents informed of children's achievements.
- The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate. This means that she has an up-to-date knowledge of how she would deal with accidents.
- The childminder understands the importance of promoting the health and safety of the children in her care. She demonstrates, through discussions, the importance of promoting healthy eating and she has assessed and minimised the potential risks to children within her home. She talks about carrying out risk assessments, to promote children's safety. The childminder has a no smoking policy.
- The welcoming environment offers children easy access to a broad range of stimulating toys, books, play materials and equipment to support children's learning and development in all areas. This helps all children to feel welcome and encourages their independence, as they make choices about what they would like to play with.
- The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, how she works together with practitioners in other early years settings and schools, to support the learning and care needs of the children.

Information about this inspection

Inspections of registered early years provision are:

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- 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
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- 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 checked evidence of suitability of the childminder.
- The inspector looked at the rooms used for childminding and the outdoor play environment.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the service she provides.
- The inspector looked at a selection of policies, records and written testimonials from parents.

Inspector

Karen Harris

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2005 and is on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her son aged nine years old in a house in Lowestoft, Suffolk. The whole of the ground floor and the rear garden are used for childminding. The childminder attends toddler groups 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 eight children on roll, four of whom are in the early years age group and attend for a variety of sessions. There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The childminder operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds a qualification at level 3 and is a member of the 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.
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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

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY304537
Local authority	Suffolk
Inspection number	969166
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	08/12/2010
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.

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