

**Inspection date** 11/06/2014 Previous inspection date 06/02/2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Met
Previous inspection:

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

# The provision meets requirements

- The childminder takes effective action to ensure the safety of children. She has a good understanding of safeguarding procedures. She completes risk assessments to minimise potential hazards. The childminder keeps accurate records of children's attendance and ensures that adult-to-child ratio requirements are met.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early years Foundation Stage. She shows a clear understanding of how to support children effectively in fulfilling their potential across all areas of learning.
- The childminder gives careful consideration to the organisation of space and the provision of an environment that meets children's needs. She provides a good range of stimulating activities and resources indoors, as well as experiences outside the setting. This supports children in their learning and development.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's well-being. She discusses the importance of promoting children's good health through diet, physical activity and good hygiene practices.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of forming strong attachments with children and their parents to help children settle and feel secure.
- The childminder demonstrates a commitment to improve the quality of her provision. She is undertaking further training to increase her knowledge and skills.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the need to work in partnership with parents and others, who are involved in the care and learning of children, to ensure that children receive relevant support and continuity in their learning and development.

# 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 held discussions with the childminder to ascertain her knowledge and understanding of how to progress children in their learning and development.
- The inspector viewed a sample of supporting documentation including policies, attendance records, medication procedures and accident forms.
- The inspector checked all areas of the home used by the childminder and examined the childminder's risk assessments.
- The inspector checked the suitability and qualifications of the childminder and the childminder's self-evaluation document.

#### **Inspector**

Karen Laycock

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# **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 and two children aged 11 and 14 years, in a house in Halesowen. The lounge and conservatory on the ground floor and one bedroom and a bathroom on the first floor are used for childminding. The childminder does not have access to an outside play area and so visits the local park daily. The family has two cats and a dog as pets. The childminder attends a toddler group. 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. However, on the day of the inspection there were no children present. 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

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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.

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### **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**

EY334925 **Unique reference number** Local authority Dudley **Inspection number** 974948 Type of provision Childminder **Registration category** Childminder 0 - 17Age range of children **Total number of places** 6 Number of children on roll 8 Name of provider **Date of previous inspection** 06/02/2014 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

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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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