

Inspection date	09/07/2014
Previous inspection date	17/12/2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	3

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the importance of promoting children's good health and hygiene. The childminder speaks of how regular opportunities to explore fresh air and exercise promote opportunities for children to lead healthy lifestyles.
- The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and written policies, that she has a sound understanding of how to protect the children in her care. She has completed additional safeguarding training and demonstrates an awareness of the signs and symptoms of abuse. The childminder is confident to report concerns, in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board guidelines.
- The childminder speaks about the effective methods that she uses to engage parents and encourage them to share what they know about their children. The importance of finding out about children's care routines is recognised and the childminder explains the sound practices that she adopts, to keep parents informed of their children's achievements.
- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage learning and development requirements. Additionally, she has attended further training, which has developed her knowledge and understanding of how to observe and assess children's learning to promote good progress.
- Through discussion and examples of documentation, the childminder demonstrates an effective knowledge and understanding of how to manage her provision. She is also aware of the importance of maintaining professional development in order to support her continuous 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 looked at a selection of written documents, which the childminder provides parents with, designed to underpin her practice and maintain the safety of the children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder, how she uses appropriate strategies to observe, plan and assess in order to promote children's good progress.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she will deliver the learning and development requirements. Discussions also included how observations, assessments and planning will be used to identify and incorporate children's next steps in to future learning.

Inspector

Jo Rowley

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1984 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband in a house in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The whole of the downstairs, one upstairs bedroom and the rear garden are used for childminding. The family has no pets. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder operates all year round from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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	123388
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	959799
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	17/12/2009
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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