

**Inspection date**

Previous inspection date

29/07/2014

Not Applicable

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

**This inspection:**

Met

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**The provision meets requirements**

- The childminder has a suitable knowledge and understanding of how children learn and develop through play. He has a very good variety of high quality and age-appropriate toys and resources to cover all seven areas of learning.
- The childminder has established good links with local primary schools and teachers to ensure consistency and continuity of care in order to promote children's all-round development.
- The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children to be independent throughout their play and daily routines in order to promote their confidence and develop their self-care skills.
- The childminder has a clear understanding of how to manage children's behaviour. He uses a number of positive strategies to ensure children are aware of the boundaries and expectations.
- The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and welfare requirements. This is further supported by written policies, procedures and risk assessments to ensure that children are cared for within a safe and secure environment.
- The childminder holds public liability insurance and a current paediatric first-aid certificate.

## 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 carried out a tour of the premises.
- The inspector spoke with the childminder about the educational programmes and viewed the range of toys, equipment and resources available for children.
- The inspector looked at and discussed a range of records, policies and procedures with the childminder.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder.

## Inspector

Rachel Enright

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2011 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. He lives with his wife, who is also a registered childminder, and four children in Norton, Stockton-On-Tees. The whole of the ground floor and rear garden are used for childminding purposes. There is a pet cat, guinea pigs and fish on the premises. The childminder attends activities within the local area. He collects children from the local schools and pre-schools. There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group. The childminder operates all year round, from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays.

### The Childcare Register

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

## 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>	EY432986
<b>Local authority</b>	Stockton on Tees
<b>Inspection number</b>	960006
<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>	0
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	not applicable
<b>Telephone number</b>	

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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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