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| Inspection date | 09/09/2014 |
| Previous inspection date | 03/11/2010 |

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| 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 has a good knowledge of how to provide a range of activities and experiences to help children make good progress.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the procedures to follow if she has concerns about the welfare of a child. She is confident in her ability to identify the signs and symptoms that may indicate that a child is at risk of harm.
- The childminder understands the documentation requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the importance of maintaining records which includes a complaints procedure and notifying Ofsted of any significant events.
- The childminder understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and other childcare professionals to provide continuity in children's learning.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the need to evaluate her practice reflectively to make continuous improvements that will benefit children.

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 present 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 present, 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 delivers the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector observed the areas of the home used for childminding and discussed available resources.
The inspector sampled a range of documentation which included safeguarding procedures, such as child protection, risk assessments, behaviour management and complaints procedures.
- The inspector discussed the self-evaluation process and plans for improvement with the childminder.

Inspector

Joanne Wade Barnett

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder registered in 1992. She lives with her husband in Bredhurst, Gillingham, Kent. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding including toilet facilities. The childminder uses local parks as she does not use the garden.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of the inspection. The childminder is qualified to level 3 in childcare. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children.

The Childcare Register

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| 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 |
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| 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. We re-inspect nurseries and pre-schools judged as requires improvement within 12 months of the date of 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 | | There were no children present at the time of the inspection. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration. |
| Not met | | There were no children present at the time of the inspection. 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

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| Unique reference number | 125735 |
| Local authority | Kent |
| Inspection number | 842826 |
| Type of provision | Childminder |
| Registration category | Childminder |
| Age range of children | 0 - 8 |
| Total number of places | 6 |
| Number of children on roll | 0 |
| Name of provider | |
| Date of previous inspection | 03/11/2010 |
| 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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