

Inspection date	05/09/2014
Previous inspection date	30/10/2012

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 is fully aware of the learning and development requirements. She has effective ways to observe and plan for individual children's learning needs. As a result, she is able to ensure that all children make good progress.
- The childminder has a broad range of resources arranged so children are able to make their own choices and develop their independence.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of safeguarding procedures. She attends child protection training regularly to maintain her ability to keep children safe from harm.
- The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, how she uses risk assessments to minimise the hazards to children and ensure they play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Through discussion and documentation, the childminder demonstrates how she works closely with parents and other providers who care for the children. This helps to ensure children's individual care and learning needs are effectively met.
- The childminder holds public liability insurance and has a current first-aid certificate, which promotes children's safety in the event of accidents and minor injuries.
- The childminder explains how she assesses the quality of her service to ensure the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are met. She attends training often to extend her skills and help her to raise children's achievements.

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 looked at the parts of the home used for childminding and some of the resources available for children to use indoors and outdoors.
A sample of essential documentation was sampled, including suitability checks for
- household members, some policies and procedures, training certificates and children's records.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she plans her activities and monitors children's learning and development.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about how she evaluates the quality of the childminding provision.

Inspector

Veronica Sharpe

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2010 and is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives on the outskirts of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire with her partner and four children aged between seven and 19 years. The ground floor of the home is used for childminding and there is an enclosed back garden for outdoor play. The house is within walking distance of local amenities, such as schools, parks and shops. The family has a pet cat. The childminder works with her partner who is also a registered childminder. There are currently 12 children on roll. Five are in the early years age range and attend for a variety of sessions. The childminding service is open all year round from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. The childminder provides funded early education places for eligible two-, three- and four-year-old children. She holds a childcare qualification at level 3. There were no children present at this inspection.

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. 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

Unique reference number	EY407094
Local authority	Cambridgeshire
Inspection number	984901
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	12
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	30/10/2012
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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