

**Inspection date**24/09/2014

Previous inspection date

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Not Applicable

The quality and standards of the This inspection: Met

**early years provision** Previous inspection: Not Applicable

# The quality and standards of the early years provision

# The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through discussion, she demonstrates there are systems in place to assess children's learning and progress. The childminder has an awareness of how to secure additional support when caring for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The childminder holds public liability insurance and has a valid first-aid certificate.
- The childminder has good knowledge of the signs and symptoms of abuse and how to safeguard children. She fully understands her responsibility to protect children and the process to follow if she had concerns about a child's welfare.
- The childminder demonstrates appropriately how to promote children's health and safety. For example, she completes risk assessments of her home and completes a daily checklist to ensure the environment and resources available are fit for purpose.
- The childminder understands the importance of partnership working with parents and professionals. Through discussion, she demonstrates she has devised systems to communicate with parents and involve them in their children's learning and development.
- The childminder understands how to support children's emotional well-being. She has devised procedures to support children to be emotionally and developmentally ready for their next stages of learning, particularly school. She has a good understanding of positively promoting behaviour, for example through the use of sticker charts.
- The childminder understands the importance of self-evaluation to continually improve her practice. She has arrangements in place to take into account the views of parents and children in order to effectively identify priorities for 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 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 reviewed evidence of the childminder and the assistants' suitability to work with children.
- The inspector reviewed evidence of the childminder's qualifications and certificates, including paediatric first aid.
- The inspector met with the childminder to assess her understanding of her responsibility to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- The inspector reviewed a selection of policies, procedures and planning documents.
- The inspector had a tour of the setting and viewed all areas to be used for childminding.

#### Inspector

Lauren Grocott

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# **Full report**

# Information about the setting

The childminder has been registered since 2012. She lives with her partner and 18 month old child in the Old Swan area of Liverpool. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant. The family has a pet dog. The whole of the ground floor and a bathroom on the first floor is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. She operates all year round except family and bank holidays from 8am to 6pm, with occasional extended operating hours. She currently has five children on roll, none of whom are in the early years age range. The childminder has completed an appropriate childminding course and is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. There were no children present during the 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

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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. 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.		

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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**

Unique reference number	EY449698
Local authority	Liverpool
Inspection number	911544
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	5
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	not applicable
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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