

<b>Inspection date</b>	09/10/2014
Previous inspection date	11/11/2009

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	Met
	Previous inspection:	1

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

### **The provision meets requirements**

- The childminder has secure knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She meets all of the legal requirements and understands how to meet children's individual needs.
- The childminder has good knowledge of child protection procedures and understands her responsibility to protect the welfare of children in her care.
- The childminder demonstrates thorough knowledge and understanding of how children learn. She has appropriate toys and resources to promote learning through play.
- The childminder understands the importance for strong partnerships with parents and other settings that children attend. She is aware that she must share information about children's individual learning needs with them and complement their teaching while children are in her care.
- The childminder has good knowledge of how to keep children safe, both in her setting and while on outings. She completes daily checks of her property and ensures that it is secure to promote children's welfare.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's well-being through daily opportunities to exercise in the fresh air and providing nutritious meals. She is aware of how to positively manage children's behaviour.
- The childminder has implemented the recommendation set at the last inspection. She understands the importance of evaluating teaching and care in order to meet children's individual needs so that they make the best possible progress.

## 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 viewed areas used for minding in the childminder's home.
- The inspector checked the qualifications and evidence of suitability of the childminder and those over the age of 16 years living in the household.
- The inspector and childminder discussed how she will promote the children's safety and welfare.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector and childminder discussed and looked at toys, resources and equipment that she intends to use.
- The inspector looked at the childminder's policies and procedures.
- The inspector and childminder discussed the self-evaluation for her provision.

**Inspector**

Katherine Hurst

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1993 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and adult child, in a house in Redbourn, Hertfordshire. The whole of the ground floor and the rear garden are used for childminding. The childminder collects children from the local schools. There are currently 11 children on roll, none of whom are in the early years age group. She operates during school term time only, from 3.15pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and 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. 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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<b>Inspection number</b>	854157
<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>	11
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	11/11/2009
<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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