

Inspection date	20/10/2014
Previous inspection date	31/07/2009

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 sufficient knowledge and understanding of child protection procedures and of her responsibility to protect the welfare of the children in her care.
- The childminder understands how to keep children safe. She completes risk assessments for her home, outings and for individual children. This means appropriate safety precautions are in place to minimise the risk of accidents and injury for children.
- The childminder holds public liability insurance and a current first-aid certificate.
- The childminder has a varied selection of safe and age-appropriate resources that cover all areas of learning. She organises these around the learning environment so that children can independently make their own choices in play.
- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of the importance of observation and assessment. She understands how to use this information to plan challenging activities to meet children's individual learning needs.
- The childminder gathers information from parents about children's care routines, likes and progress during initial visits. She uses this information to help children settle in her care, such as providing resources that she knows children enjoy playing with.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of working with parents and other professionals involved in children's care and learning. This contributes to providing additional support and agreeing targets to meet children's individual needs.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's well-being. She discusses how she uses her garden and regular outings so that children can be active and have daily opportunities to play in the fresh air.

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 and childminder toured the areas of the home where childcare is to be provided.
- The inspector and the childminder discussed and looked at toys, books, resources and equipment that she intends to use.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- The inspector looked at and discussed policies and documents the childminder will use when caring for children. She discussed self-evaluation and improvement plans.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and training of the childminder and suitability of other household members.

Inspector

Helen Blackburn

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1997 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and adult daughter in a house in High Green, Sheffield. The whole of the ground floor and garden are used for childminding. The childminder attends a toddler group and activities at the local children's centre. She visits the shops, park and other places of interest with children on a regular basis. She collects children from the local schools, nursery and pre-schools. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder operates term time only from 7am to 6pm, three days per week. The days she operates is flexible dependent on the needs of the family.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
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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.

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	300080
Local authority	Sheffield
Inspection number	949848
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	31/07/2009
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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