

Inspection date	27/10/2014
Previous inspection date	10/10/2013

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	4

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- Since her last inspection, and two subsequent monitoring visits by Ofsted, the childminder has enhanced her understanding of the learning and development requirements. She now understands how to use observations and assessments to support children's progress and how to plan for individual next steps in learning through purposeful play.
- The childminder is aware of how to implement the progress check completed for children aged between two and three years and provide parents with a short written summary of their child's development.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's health and well-being. She provides children with healthy snacks and daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder has acted on and met the welfare requirements notice and other actions set at her last inspection. She has attended recent child protection training and demonstrates she understands her role and responsibility with regard to safeguarding children. A detailed written safeguarding policy is in place, which is shared with parents.
- All required policies and procedures are in place and risk assessments of the childminder's home are undertaken to minimise any potential hazards. The childminder has recently renewed her paediatric first-aid certificate. This ensures children can play in a safe and secure environment.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of working in partnership with parents and other providers. She shares relevant information to promote continuity in children's care, learning and development.
- The childminder demonstrates she is aware of the importance of reflective practice in order to sustain continuous improvements to her service. She shows a commitment to attending further training to support her knowledge.

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 held discussions with the childminder relating to her knowledge and understanding of the requirements for safeguarding and welfare and learning and development.
- The inspector had a tour of the childminding premises and observed the range and quantity of toys and equipment for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- The inspector sampled the documentation, including safeguarding procedures and other records that the childminder uses when caring for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability of the childminder and other adults in the household.

Inspector

Sharon Hennam-Dale

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1990 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband in a house in Nantwich, Cheshire. The whole of the ground floor and upstairs bathroom are used for childminding. There is a garden for outdoor play. The childminder attends a toddler group and visits the shops and park on a regular basis. She collects children from the local schools. There are currently four children on roll, three of whom are in the early years age group and attend for a variety of sessions. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. At the time of inspection, there were no children present in the early years age range.

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	304145
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	963091
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	10/10/2013
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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