

<b>Inspection date</b>	10/12/2014
Previous inspection date	09/07/2014

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	Met
	Previous inspection:	4

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

### **The provision meets requirements**

- Since the childminders last inspection and monitoring visit carried out by Ofsted, she has made significant improvements and responded quickly to the actions raised for improvement. For example, she understands how to develop children's independence in readiness for school, by consistently encouraging them to practise self-care skills, such as putting on their own coats and shoes.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of how children learn. She understands how to promote their progress by providing a balance of child-initiated and adult-led play experiences. The childminder shows through discussion how these are accurately matched to their ages and stages of learning and development.
- The childminder demonstrates through discussion how she uses her observations and assessments of children's progress to plan for their next steps in development. As a result, she understands how to provide children with stimulating and challenging activities to engage them in their learning.
- The childminder understands how to work in partnership with parents to effectively support the continuity of children's learning and care needs. For example, she knows to provide ideas to support children's learning at home. She also understands the importance of establishing children's starting points through discussion with parents and using this information to plan activities.
- The childminder appropriately demonstrates how she promotes inclusive practice so that children are able to use their home languages during their play.
- The childminder demonstrates that she has a secure understanding of how to safeguard children and an awareness of the appropriate procedures to follow should she have concerns. She attends regular training to ensure that her knowledge and skills are up to date.

## 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 discussed with the childminder how she delivers the safeguarding and welfare, and the learning and development requirements for children of different ages.
- The inspector talked with the childminder to gain an insight into her understanding of how children learn and develop.
- The inspector viewed the areas of the premises and garden used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at children's assessment records, evidence of the suitability of household members, a selection of policies, including the safeguarding policy, safety procedures and required documentation.

## Inspector

Lorraine Pike

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2007 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband, an adult child and a younger child in a house in Hardwick. Three rooms on the ground floor and the enclosed rear garden are used for childminding. The family have fish, a dog and two cats as pets. The childminder attends a toddler group. She visits the park on a regular basis. She takes children to and collects children from local schools and pre-schools. The childminder supports children who speak English as an additional language. There are currently six children on roll, one of whom is in the early years age group and attends for a variety of sessions. At the time of the inspection, there were no children present. She operates all year round from 7am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except on bank holidays and family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

### 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>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>	6
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	09/07/2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	

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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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