

Inspection date	17/12/2014
Previous inspection date	08/06/2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- Toys and resources support children's independent play and provide appropriate levels of challenge across all of the seven areas of learning. The parts of the premises to be used for childcare purposes are safe, secure and suitable.
- The childminder has a secure knowledge of child-protection procedures. She describes the effective procedures she would take if she had any concerns regarding a child in her care. Documentation is well-written and informative, which she shares with parents to highlight her role and responsibility to protect children.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the learning and development requirements. She considers the different ways children learn. She describes how she uses observation and assessment to plan stimulating activities, experiences and appropriate challenges for their next steps in learning.
- The childminder explains how she encourages parents to maintain a regular two-way flow of communication and also how she keeps them updated regarding their child's progress. Overall, the childminder understands the importance of positive relationships with parents.
- The childminder understands the importance of regularly reflecting on the service she provides and undertaking training to improve her knowledge and skills.

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 educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector looked at some policies and documents the childminder uses when caring for children, including training certificates, suitability checks and attendance records.
- The inspector observed areas used for the care of children along with furniture, equipment and toys that are used for childminding.

Inspector

Judith Rayner

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2010 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 Cranwell on a military base in Lincolnshire. The whole of the house is used for childminding although most care is provided on the ground floor. There is an enclosed rear garden used for childminding. The childminder attends a toddler group, activities at the local children's centre and visits the shops and park on a regular basis. She takes and collects children from the local school. There are five children on roll, and of these, one is in the early years age group. Children attend various times and days throughout the week. There were no early years children present at the time of the inspection. The childminder operates all year round from 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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

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	EY410373
Local authority	Lincolnshire
Inspection number	851083
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	08/06/2011
Telephone number	

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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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