

<b>Inspection date</b>	18/12/2014
Previous inspection date	30/11/2011

<b>The quality and standards of the early years provision</b>	<b>This inspection:</b>	Met
	Previous inspection:	3

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

### **The provision meets requirements**

- The childminder is committed to her own professional development. She has recently been awarded an Early Years Foundation Degree and attends relevant training courses and workshops, to further enhance her childcare skills and knowledge. This ensures that she is able to meet the care and learning needs of children.
- The childminder has a good understanding of how to protect children in her care. She is aware of the signs and symptoms of abuse, to help her recognise when children may be at risk. She is confident to report concerns and has clear procedures to follow if an allegation is made against herself or a household member.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of her responsibilities to support children's learning and development. She is aware of the importance of effective observation and assessment, in order to plan and deliver an educational programme that meets children's individual needs and supports them to make good progress.
- Written testimonials from parents demonstrate that they have friendly and trusting relationships with the childminder. They report that they find the childminder 'organised, efficient, enthusiastic and caring' and appreciate that she offers a 'home-from-home environment' where they have 'complete faith and trust in her expertise and judgement'.
- The childminder supports children to develop positive relationships with her, to promote their enjoyment at being in the childminding setting. She has a good understanding of how to manage children's behaviour, to help them play harmoniously together and consider the feelings of others.
- The childminder demonstrates good procedures to help children understand and adopt healthy habits, such as good hygiene practices and the benefits of physical activity. Children are able to make healthy choices about what they eat and drink. They are supported to learn to keep themselves safe and take managed risks.

## 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 spoke with the childminder about the service that she provides.
- The inspector checked the suitability of the rooms used for childminding.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability of household members.
- The inspector looked at written testimonials from parents.
- The inspector looked at a selection of policies and records.

## Inspector

Jacqueline Mason

## Full report

### Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1994 and is on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband in a house in Dereham, Norfolk. The ground floor rooms of the childminder's home, except for the utility room, are used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder collects children from local schools. There are currently six children on roll, two of whom are in the early years age range and attend after school on two evenings a week. At the time of this inspection there were no children present. A childminding service is offered from Monday to Friday after school, during school term time. The childminder has an Early Years Foundation Degree.

### The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>
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The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	<b>Met</b>
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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

<b>Unique reference number</b>	256518
<b>Local authority</b>	Norfolk
<b>Inspection number</b>	818522
<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>	6
<b>Name of provider</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	30/11/2011
<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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