

Inspection date	26 February 2015
Previous inspection date	12 January 2009

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a very good understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is able to talk about how she assesses children's needs and provides activities and experiences which support their interests and next steps in learning.
- The childminder has all the required documentation and processes in place to promote children's safety and welfare, and to assess the environment for risks. She has a good understanding of what to do if she has concerns about a child's welfare.
- The childminder is committed to working in partnership with parents and other professionals to support children's learning and development. She describes how she supports children to settle in to her setting and works closely with parents to help them make the move to school with confidence.
- The childminder understands the importance of evaluating her practice and provision. She highlights any strengths and weaknesses, and undertakes training to improve her knowledge and understanding.
- The childminder understands the importance of encouraging children to be independent through their play and daily routines, in order to promote self-esteem and develop self-care skills.
- The childminder understands how to support children's health and well-being. She discusses the importance of providing children with a balanced diet, regular exercise and fresh air as part of daily practice.

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.

Inspection activities

- The inspector viewed all areas of the setting used for childminding.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about the educational programmes and viewed the range of toys, resources and equipment available for children in the setting.
- The inspector looked at and discussed a range of records, risk assessments policies, procedures and planning with the childminder.
- The inspector checked the suitability of all members of the household and the qualifications of the childminder.

Inspector

Julia Matthew

Setting details

Unique reference number	EY302262
Local authority	Durham
Inspection number	961087
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	12 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2005 and lives in Consett, County Durham. She operates all year round from 9.30am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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