

Inspection date	31 March 2015
Previous inspection date	Not applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	Not applicable

The setting **meets legal requirements for early years settings**

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge and understanding of how to manage her provision. She is also aware of the importance of maintaining her professional development and has attended a number of relevant courses.
- The childminder effectively monitors children's progress through observations and assessments and uses this information to plan next steps in their learning based on individual needs and interests.
- The childminder understands her responsibilities to safeguard children. She is fully aware of the signs of abuse and her duty to report any child protection concerns to appropriate agencies. In addition, she has attended recent safeguarding training and holds the up-to-date contact numbers for her local safeguarding team.
- The childminder understands the importance of reflecting on her practice. She knows how to seek the views of parents and children and to use these to bring about positive changes that benefit them.
- The childminder is aware of the importance of helping children adopt a healthy lifestyle. She knows how to help children to manage positive hygiene routines independently, to promote healthy eating and to ensure that children have plenty of exercise and fresh air.
- The childminder has a good understanding of the importance of working in partnerships with parents and other professionals to support children's learning and well-being. She provides parents with copies of her policies and procedures, so that they are well informed about her role and responsibilities.

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 discussed the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage with the childminder.
- The inspector sampled records and documentation relating to obtaining children's starting points, and a range of policies and procedures.
- The inspector observed the areas that children would have access to, along with resources and equipment that would be used.
- The inspector viewed training certificates and checked evidence that appropriate suitability checks had been undertaken on all adults in the household.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY440519
Local authority	Wigan
Inspection number	954042
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	Not applicable
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2011 and lives in the Lowton area of Warrington. She operates all year round from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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