

Inspection date	21 April 2015
Previous inspection date	29 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 good knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She provides appropriate learning opportunities to meet the children's individual needs, ideas and interests.
- The childminder appropriately demonstrates how she promotes children's safety and welfare. She provides a safe home with effective risk assessments of the premises in place. She also undertakes risk assessments for outings, such as trips to the local parks. Appropriate records are in place to protect children and meet their health and care needs.
- The childminder spends time talking to parents regarding their children's care needs and routines, to ensure she can meet their wishes. She speaks to children's teachers in order to support the children's individual learning needs and prepare children for their next stage in learning.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's well-being through providing support and encouragement. She demonstrates that she provides children with a choice of healthy snacks and daily opportunities for fresh air and exercise. She also understands how to positively manage children's behaviour with her high expectations and consistent, firm boundaries in place.
- The childminder has a good knowledge of child protection procedures and understand her responsibility to protect the welfare of the children in her care. She has effective policies in place to support her practice. All adults within the home have undergone appropriate suitability checks.
- The childminder has implemented the recommendations set at the last inspection. This has resulted in updated policies and improved communication with parents. This demonstrates the childminder's capacity to improve and to further develop the provision.
- The childminder is well qualified and experienced at working both as a childminder and an early years professional within day care settings. She is able to plan for and assess children's development to effectively meet children's needs. Furthermore, she has experience of working as a special needs coordinator, supporting children with speech and language difficulties.

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 and the childminder went round the areas of the premises where child care is to be provided.
- The inspector and the childminder discussed and looked at toys, books, resources and equipment that she intends to use.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programme for children.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the childminder will use when caring for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of the suitability and training of the childminder and the suitability of other members of the household.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	223352
Local authority	Herefordshire
Inspection number	866079
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	29 January 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1998 and lives in Leominster. She operates after school from 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday, during term time. She also offers some care during school holidays. The childminder has an appropriate qualification to Level 3 and also works in a day nursery.

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