

# Childminder Report

**Inspection date**

Previous inspection date

14 July 2016

6 February 2014

**The quality and standards of the early years provision****This inspection:**

Previous inspection:

**Met**

Requires  
Improvement

3

## Summary of key findings for parents

### The provision meets requirements

- The childminder is fully aware of the information that needs to be notified to relevant agencies in order to keep children safe. She has a very good understanding of the signs and symptoms of abuse and knows the procedures to follow to protect a child's welfare.
- The childminder provides inspiring environments to promote children's play and learning. She knows how to use the information from her varied assessments to plan challenging experiences that help children to make the best possible progress.
- The childminder holds a paediatric first-aid qualification. She has a superior knowledge of how to respond appropriately to any accidents or injuries that may occur. Valuable systems, such as detailed risk assessments, help to minimise any risks to children.
- The childminder has a very good understanding of how to nurture children's emotional well-being. She recognises the value of forming secure attachments with children to help them to feel happy, settled and assured in her care.
- The childminder values the importance of acting as a good role model. She recognises the need to encourage children to share, take turns and value that everyone is unique in their own right. She understands the importance of remaining calm and using sensitive tones in her voice to help children understand what is acceptable behaviour.
- The childminder recognises the significance of working together with parents and other professionals. Precise monitoring documents are in place to keep parents informed of their children's learning and progress and to highlight and support any early concerns.
- The well-qualified childminder aspires to improve. Her attendance at training, meetings with other providers and continual research demonstrate her desire to improve.
- The childminder knows how to equip children with key skills, such as independence and good social skills, to prepare them for their next stages in learning. She recognises the need to provide trips, such as to the library and harbour to promote their good health.

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 toured the areas intended to be used for childminding.
- The inspector held discussions with the childminder throughout the inspection.
- The inspector observed the wide range of toys and equipment that would be made available to children to promote their learning and development.
- The inspector examined a range of documents, including evidence of suitability, a record of the childminder's qualifications and training, health and safety documents, policies and procedures, and planning, observation and assessment documents.
- The inspector took account of the views from previous parents spoken to on the day of the inspection, both face to face and over the telephone.

### Inspector

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## Setting details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	316936
<b>Local authority</b>	Cumbria
<b>Inspection number</b>	1043612
<b>Type of provision</b>	Childminder
<b>Day care type</b>	Childminder
<b>Registers</b>	Early Years Register, Compulsory Childcare Register, Voluntary Childcare Register
<b>Age range of children</b>	0 - 0
<b>Total number of places</b>	6
<b>Number of children on roll</b>	0
<b>Name of registered person</b>	
<b>Date of previous inspection</b>	6 February 2014
<b>Telephone number</b>	

The childminder was registered in 1998 and lives in Whitehaven. She operates all year round, from 6.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for bank holidays and family holidays. The childminder holds an appropriate qualification at level 3.

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