

Inspection date	09/09/2014
Previous inspection date	22/08/2011

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good knowledge of the prime and specific areas of learning. She fully understands how to support children's learning and development. Through discussion and documentation, the childminder demonstrates that she can plan purposeful play experiences that would help to promote children's good progress.
- The childminder demonstrates through discussion how she would build good relationships with children and their families. She understands how to share information effectively with parents, to ensure she is able to meet children's individual needs.
- The childminder's home is appropriately resourced with a suitable range of easily accessible toys and equipment, including welcoming spaces outdoors. The childminder makes effective use of risk assessments. She demonstrates her ability to identify and minimise potential hazards in the home and garden to promote children's well-being.
- The childminder demonstrates through discussion, how she intends to monitor children's progress using observations and assessments. She discusses how she would use this information along with children's starting points, to help all children make consistent progress towards the early learning goals.
- The childminder has a sound understanding of how to promote a healthy lifestyle when caring for children. For example, she intends to provide balanced meals and plan regular outdoor play, so that they would get plenty of fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder has sufficient knowledge of the child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. She fully understands her responsibility to protect the welfare of children.
- The childminder shows a commitment to continually updating her practices and knowledge. For example, she works with the local authority advisor and attends training workshops.

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 discussed with the childminder how they intend to deliver the educational programmes when children are present.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the provider will use when caring for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder and household members aged over 16, the provider's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.

Inspector

Andrea Price

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1996 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her two child aged eight and five years in a house within the village of Pytchely, near Kettering, Northamptonshire. The whole of the ground floor, first-floor bathroom and the rear garden are used for childminding. The family has a pet rabbit. The childminder attends a toddler group and activities at the local children's centre. She visits the local park on a regular basis. The childminder is able to take and collect children from the local schools and pre-schools. There are currently eight children on roll, none of whom are in the early years age group, attending for a variety of sessions. The childminder operates all year round, from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are	Met
The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are	Met

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

Unique reference number	220616
Local authority	Northamptonshire
Inspection number	871277
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	8
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	22/08/2011
Telephone number	

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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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