

Inspection date	08/09/2014
Previous inspection date	15/11/2011

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

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements. She understands how to use observation and assessment to evaluate children's achievements. She is also aware of how to plan for individual next steps in learning, in order to optimise children's progress.
- The childminder demonstrates that she values all children as individuals and recognises the importance of offering activities that help them to learn about other languages, communities and cultures. She understands how this can enable children to appreciate the local and wider community.
- The childminder is able to draw on other experiences and her work with other experts, to establish close links with other agencies to support every child to learn and develop.
- The childminder understands the importance of carrying out regular risk assessments to minimise hazards and provide a safe environment that promotes children's general well-being in a suitable manner.
- The childminder has planned routines to help children settle in her care. Through discussion, she demonstrates that she understands how this would support good attachments and promote children's security.
- The childminder understands her role and responsibility in regard to safeguarding children to promote their welfare. She recognises the value of using clear procedures and clear policies with parents to underpin a good relationship and consequently, support children's health and well-being.

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 she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector observed areas of the house and garden to be used for childminding.
- The inspector looked at evidence of suitability of household members and a range of other documentation, including the safeguarding procedures.

Inspector

Lynne Talbot

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2003 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and five children aged 16, 13, 11, six and two years in a house in Pirton, Hertfordshire. The whole of the ground floor and the first floor bathroom are used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has chickens, a rabbit and three guinea pigs as pets. The childminder attends social and activity groups. There were no children on roll at the time of inspection. The childminder operates all year round, from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

The Childcare Register

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

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY248379
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	959790
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	15/11/2011
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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