



Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of inspection	Childcare
Type of care	Childminding

ABOUT THIS INSPECTION

The purpose of this inspection is to assure government, parents and the public of the quality of childcare and, if applicable, of nursery education. The inspection was carried out under Part XA Children Act 1989 as introduced by the Care Standards Act 2000 and, where nursery education is provided, under Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004; the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding; and, where nursery education is provided, the *Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage*.

The report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration or 1 April 2004 whichever is the later.

The key inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding: this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality

Good: this aspect of the provision is strong

Satisfactory: this aspect of the provision is sound

Inadequate: this aspect of the provision is not good enough

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THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS OF THE CARE

On the basis of the evidence collected on this inspection:

The quality and standards of the care are good. The registered person meets the National Standards for under 8s day care and childminding.
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WHAT SORT OF SETTING IS IT?

The childminder was registered in 2004. She lives with her husband and two children aged three and five in Snaith in East Yorkshire. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for four children at any one time and is currently minding two children under five and one child over five before school. The premises are within walking distance of shops, schools and local parks. The family has a pet dog.

The childminder is a member of the national childminders Association.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROVISION

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a warm, clean home environment where they learn the importance of good hygiene and personal care. For example they use individual colour coded hand towels and independently follow hand washing routines organised by the childminder. Their clear understanding of why they must wash hands before meals and snacks reduces the risk of cross infection.

Children begin to understand the benefits of a healthy diet. They are offered regular drinks throughout the day. The childminder takes account of the wishes of parents and the children's choice to provide nutritious snacks that appeal to the children and meet their dietary needs.

Children enjoy a wide range of activities which contribute to good health. Outdoor play and regular visits to local parks improve children's physical skills.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is good.

Children are cared for in a spacious home where risks are identified and minimised. This means they are able to move around safely, freely and independently. Extra care is taken when children walk to school. The childminder gives high priority to helping children understand how to keep themselves safe and the children play 'I spy' road safety games to enhance their understanding of road safety.

Children independently select activities from a draw unit and tidy toys into boxes before selecting further toys which enables them to play in a safe environment. Toys and equipment are age appropriate, clean and well maintained.

Children are well protected. The childminder has child protection procedures in place. She gives priority to children's welfare and well being and has a clear understanding of what to do if she has concerns about a child.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is good.

Children settle well at the childminders house. They show personal independence and enthusiastically take part in activities that promote their all round development. Children's individual needs are taken into account when promoting everyday learning opportunities.

The children enjoy activities which promote communication language and literacy as

they play sounding alphabet games and sing nursery rhymes. They explore the outdoor play area and participate in vegetable growing and gardening activities.

All children spend their time purposefully and are motivated and interested in a broad range of developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor activities which promote good levels of challenge.

Children enjoy daily walks and outings to the local park. They enjoy a wide range of activities which contribute to their intellectual capabilities such as alphabet and colour games.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is good.

Children are valued and respected as individuals. Their needs are met as they follow their normal daily routine as discussed with their parents. Daily diaries record activities and achievements and are available for parents to share. Children behave very well. They make themselves at home confidently deciding what to do, for example accessing jigsaws. They have time to relax as well as be active.

Children enjoy a meaningful range of activities and resources which promote their physical development and they participate in activities which promote equal opportunities. Children are encouraged to develop an awareness of the wider world through books, equipment and activities.

Organisation

The organisation is satisfactory.

Overall the provision meets the needs of all the children who attend.

The children feel at home and at ease with the organised environment. This means they are able to initiate their own play and learning.

Most policies are in place and used effectively to promote the welfare, care and learning of children. The permission from parents to seek emergency medical advice or treatment is not in place. A first aid course and childminder training has also not been completed.

Information is regularly shared with parents to keep them well informed about the service provided and their child's development.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable

Complaints since the last inspection

There are no complaints to report.

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WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT?

The quality and standards of the care

To improve the quality and standards of care further the registered person should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- obtain permission from parents to seek medical treatment or advice in the event of an emergency
- complete a first aid course and childminder training in line with the National Standards.

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