

Inspection date	04/08/2014
Previous inspection date	17/05/2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Not Met
	Previous inspection:	2

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder has good knowledge of the learning and development requirements. She uses detailed planning and observations to help her meet children's individual needs and interests. She has a suitable understanding about the importance of sharing information with parents and other professionals, such as pre-schools that children attend and provides an inclusive service.
- The childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding about ensuring the safety of environment, so children may play safely. Resources are varied and most are generally easily accessible. Children have easy access to the garden which enables them to choose between indoor and outdoor play.
- The childminder has sufficient knowledge of child protection procedures and understands her responsibilities in meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements. However, she does not have effective systems to ensure the completion of appropriate suitability checks for her assistants and she has not kept Ofsted informed about the identity of her current assistant.

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 viewed the areas of the premises available for childminding.
 - The inspector had discussions with the childminder how she delivers the educational programme for children.
- The inspector sampled a range of documentation including children's records,
- safeguarding procedures, risk assessments and the provider's self-evaluation and improvement plan.

Inspector

Hilary Tierney

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder registered in 2008. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder lives in the Hesters Way area of Cheltenham, close to a family centre, Children's Centre, Hesters Way Primary School and Arthur Dye Primary School. The whole of the house is used for childminding. The main areas used include the lounge, kitchen, lobby, conservatory and upstairs toilet facilities. The lounge is used when children require a rest. There is a fenced rear garden with grass and patio areas for outside play. The family has racing pigeons housed in lofts at the rear of the garden. The childminder uses an assistant when number require. There are currently two children on roll in the early years age group who attend on full- and part-time basis. Additional care is provided for children in the later years age group before and/or after school during term times and during school holidays. The childminder holds a Diploma in Nursery Nursing. There were no children in the early years age range present during the inspection.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- improve systems to ensure appropriate suitability checks are carried out on any assistant and that Ofsted is kept informed about them.

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	EY342971
Local authority	Gloucestershire
Inspection number	983634
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	2
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	17/05/2012
Telephone number	

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Sessional provision operates for more than two hours but does not exceed three hours in any one day. These are usually known as pre-schools, kindergartens or nursery schools

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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