

Inspection date	6 March 2015
Previous inspection date	5 January 2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met	
	Previous inspection:	Good	2
The setting meets legal requirements for early years settings			

Summary of key findings for parents

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a good knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children's learning. She knows how to plan a broad range of age-appropriate activities to enrich children's learning experiences and ensure they are motivated to learn.
- The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the importance of providing a warm and caring environment, to enable children to be happy and confident and develop strong and positive relationships with her.
- The childminder has a good comprehension of how many children she can mind at any one time in order to keep children safe. She has a good awareness when assessing any risk to children's safety and reviews her risk assessments regularly.
- The safeguarding and welfare requirements are well understood by the childminder and she has clear policies and procedures to underpin practice. She has a good knowledge of safeguarding and knows what to do if she has a concern about a child in her care so that all children are kept safe.
- The childminder understands about the importance of working in partnership with parents and other professionals in order to effectively contribute to children's learning and well-being at the setting. She gains information from parents and other professionals in order to support the children's individual care and learning needs.
- The childminder demonstrates a clear commitment to self-evaluation. The recommendations from the previous inspection have been addressed. This demonstrates commitment to continued improvement.

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 used for childminding and looked at a range of resources indoors and outside.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability of the childminder and her self-evaluation and improvement plan. The inspector took into account the written feedback of parents.
- The inspector sampled a range of documents, which cover the learning and development requirements, including observations, planning, and assessments. She also viewed emergency contact information, enrolment forms and written risk assessments.
- The inspector discussed aspects of the provision with the childminder during the inspection.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	EY358527
Local authority	Cumbria
Inspection number	863555
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	4
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	5 January 2012
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 2007 and lives in the Scaleby area of Carlisle, Cumbria. She operates from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, during term time.

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