

Inspection date	19/08/2014
Previous inspection date	01/12/2010

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 is fully aware of and sensitive to any potential harm to children. As a result, she takes all necessary steps to deal with all safeguarding issues and keeps children safe at all times. For example, she takes robust steps to ensure people coming into contact with children in her care are suitable to do.
- The childminder demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of child protection issues. She works effectively with parents and knows how to work as part of a multiagency team. This ensures children are protected and families receive early intervention and support if needed.
- The childminder has a strong knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She provides a varied range of appropriate learning opportunities to meet children's individual needs.
- The childminder is very effective in exchanging information with parents in order to support children's individual care and learning needs. For example, she uses computer software to share daily detailed information about children's care and progress with parents.
- The childminder understands how to promote children's well-being. She places lots of emphasis on developing secure attachments with all children in her care. She provides lots of opportunities for children to benefit from fresh air and exercise. She demonstrates a secure understanding of how to positively manage children's behaviour.

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 had a tour of all the areas of the premises where childcare is to be provided.
- The inspector had in-depth discussions with the childminder about the steps she takes to ensure children are safeguarded at all times.
The inspector discussed with the childminder how she delivers the educational programme for children and monitors their progress. The inspector discussed and looked at toys, books, resources and equipment that the childminder uses.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the childminder uses to care for children, and discussed self-evaluation and improvement plans.
- The inspector took account of the views of a parent who was collecting their child on the day of the inspection.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and training of the childminder.

Inspector

Christine Armstrong

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2010 on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her family in the Halesowen area of Dudley. The whole of the ground floor is available for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outdoor play. There are currently eight children on roll, of whom three are within the early years age range. The childminder operates all year round, from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except for family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. An early years child was in the process of being collected at the start of the inspection, resulting in no observations of the child's interactions with the childminder being made. There were therefore no children present during the inspection.

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

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	EY406405
Local authority	Dudley
Inspection number	984731
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	01/12/2010
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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