

Inspection date	14/02/2013
Previous inspection date	30/04/2012

The quality and standards of the early years provision	This inspection:	Met
	Previous inspection:	4

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of how children learn. She will record children's interests to help plan for their learning and help them make progress. She understands about recording children's achievements and planning for their next steps
- The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of care practices and she ensures that the environment is safe and secure.
- The childminder has sound understanding of safeguarding children. She has attended recent safeguarding training and has clear procedures to follow if there are concerns about a child.

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
- more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged as 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 for inspection 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
- at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There were no children on roll 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 on roll, 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 if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

The provision is also registered on the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

Inspection activities

- The inspector discussed the actions and recommendations from the previous inspection.
- The inspector discussed all aspects of the care that the childminder provides for children.
- The inspector examined all policies and procedures supporting the childminding practice.
- The inspector discussed how the childminder plans to deliver the learning and development requirements.

Inspector

Susan Parker

Full Report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2011 on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and two children aged four and three years in a house in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. The whole of the ground floor, and the rear garden are used for childminding. The family has no pets.

The childminder attends a toddler group and activities at the local children's centre. She visits the shops and park on a regular basis. She collects children from the local schools and pre-schools.

There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group. She operates all year round from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

The Childcare Register

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

What inspection judgements mean

Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
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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	Satisfactory	Satisfactory provision is performing less well than expectations

in one or more of the key areas. It requires improvement in order to be good.

Grade 4 Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement. 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 inspected again within 12 months of the date of this inspection.
Met	The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not Met	The provision has no children on roll. 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	EY430613
Local authority	Hertfordshire
Inspection number	804657
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 8
Total number of places	4
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	30/04/2012
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 that are usually their 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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