

Inspection date

Previous inspection date

16/06/2014

Not Applicable

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Met

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The provision meets requirements

- The childminder demonstrates good knowledge and understanding of possible risks to children's safety, and how to manage them. For example, the family's pond is fully enclosed by a secure fence.
- The childminder knows the action she must take if she suspects that any child in her care is being abused or neglected.
- Through discussion with the inspector, the childminder demonstrates an understanding of the importance of building strong partnerships with parents and carers, so that children in her care feel emotionally secure, and their progress and development is supported.
- The childminder has sufficient knowledge of the foundation stage areas of learning and development to inform individual educational programmes for children in the early years age range.
- The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how children learn. For example, she describes how children, who are 'painting' with water and brushes outside, are learning actively. She shows how her teaching during the activity promotes the child's learning across all areas of learning and development.
- Leadership and management is effective as the childminder is committed to identifying the strengths and weaknesses in her practice, in order to plan improvements. She seeks information and advice from a wide range of sources, to inform her self-evaluation, for example, from the local authority advisor.
- The childminder seeks suitable training that increases her knowledge and understanding of her role.

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 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 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 discussed with the childminder, how they intend to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability of the childminder, and discussed how she will ensure that children are safeguarded.
- The inspector looked at policies and documents the childminder will use when caring for children.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder their approach to self-evaluation and improvement planning.
- The inspector toured the parts of the premises that will be used for childminding purposes.

Inspector

Susan King

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2014 and is on the Early Years Register, and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her partner and two children, aged three and six years, in a house in Sandbach, Cheshire. All areas of the property, except for the main bedroom are used for childminding. There is a rear garden available for outdoor play. The childminder operates all year round, from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years. There are currently no children on roll.

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. It will be monitored and inspected within twelve months of the date of this 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		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	EY472430
Local authority	Cheshire East
Inspection number	950509
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	0
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	not applicable
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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