

Inspection date	12/08/2014
Previous inspection date	11/11/2011

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

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has a suitable understanding of how to deliver the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. All documentation to ensure the smooth running of her childminding service and to effectively safeguard all children is in place. In addition, the childminder holds a current first-aid certificate and maintains public liability insurance.
- The childminder demonstrates a good knowledge of how to plan stimulating activities across the seven areas of learning. She knows how to successfully complete observations and assessments to recognise and build on children's achievements and track their progress.
- The play environment is very clean and suitably resourced with a range of toys and play equipment to meet the needs of the different age groups of children.
- The childminder fully understands how to support children's health and well-being. She discusses the importance of providing children with a healthy diet and ensuring they have daily opportunities for physical play, fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder is clearly aware of the benefits of successful engagement with parents, and explains that feedback is given to share important information about children's care and learning each day.
- The childminder has established good links with local primary schools and teachers to ensure children are effectively supported as they move onto full-time education.
- The childminder thoughtfully reflects on her strengths and identifies areas for further development. She regularly consults parents and children for their views and suggestions and is receptive to advice from her network development worker. Consequently, she shows a firm commitment to continually improving the quality of her practice to enhance future opportunities for children.

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 discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children and undertake observation, assessment and planning.
- The inspector toured the premises and viewed the play equipment.
- The inspector viewed evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder, risk assessment, self-evaluation and other documentation in relation to health and safety checks.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she monitors her provision and develops partnerships with parents and other professionals.
- The inspector obtained the views of parents and children from their responses to surveys, or from references obtained by the childminder.

Inspector

Patricia Champion

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 1992 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives in a bungalow in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. The living room, conservatory and the cabin in the rear garden are used for childminding. During the inspection, the childminder was not minding any children in the early years age group. The childminder offers care to children aged over five years to 16 years. She drives to collect children from local schools. The childminder works Monday to Friday, during school term times from 3pm to 9pm, and during school holidays from 8am to 6.30pm. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years and a local childminding network.

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	119448
Local authority	Southend on Sea
Inspection number	959814
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	3
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	11/11/2011
Telephone number	

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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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