

Inspection date	17 March 2015
Previous inspection date	10 March 2009

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 demonstrates a very good understanding of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is able to explain how she uses her knowledge to provide a developmentally appropriate learning environment for all children.
- The childminder knows how to safeguard children effectively and can explain what she would do if she had concerns about a child's welfare. She is able to give examples of how she ensures that children's emotional needs are met as they start in the setting, so that they settle quickly and feel secure.
- The childminder can explain how she helps children to understand about healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and the importance of regular fresh air and exercise.
- The childminder has very good knowledge and understanding of how to meet the needs of all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities by working in partnership with parents and professionals.
- The childminder can explain how she uses observations and assessments to plan activities and experiences, which reflect children's interests and next steps in learning.
- The childminder has a comprehensive set of policies and procedures in place to meet health and safety requirements and risk assessments are used to reduce hazards. Consequently, this ensures that children are safe in the setting and on outings.
- The childminder is able to give examples of how she works in partnership with parents. She understands the importance of collecting information from parents about children's care, learning and development to ensure that their individual needs are met.
- The childminder is committed to undertaking training to improve the quality of her practice as part of development planning.

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 carried out a tour of the areas of the home used for childminding.
- The inspector talked to the childminder about the educational programmes and viewed the range of toys, equipment and resources available for children.
- The inspector looked at a range of records including learning information, written policies, risk assessments, qualifications and a selection of other documents.
- The inspector spoke to the childminder about her practice and the provision throughout the inspection.

Inspector

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Setting details

Unique reference number	311784
Local authority	Gateshead
Inspection number	871913
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	10 March 2009
Telephone number	

The childminder was registered in 1985 and lives in Low Fell, Gateshead. The childminder works in partnership with a co-childminder. She operates all year round from 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, except bank holidays and family holidays.

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