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| Inspection date | 21/08/2014 |
| Previous inspection date | Not Applicable |

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| The quality and standards of the early years provision | This inspection: | Met |
| | Previous inspection: | Not Applicable |

The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision meets requirements

- The childminder has sufficient knowledge of local procedures and understands her responsibility to protect children's welfare. She has a written safeguarding procedure in place and demonstrates how she has reduced risks and hazards to children. She meets all the statutory requirements. As a result, children are appropriately safeguarded.
- The childminder offers a safe and welcoming home environment with a good range of resources and play materials. Resources are well organised so that children can select things for themselves indoors and in the garden.
- The childminder describes how she plans a varied and interesting range of activities for children which will support their learning across all areas of the curriculum. There are suitable systems to assess children's progress and plan for their next steps.
- The childminder recognises the benefit of working in partnership with parents and establishes open communication links with them from the start. She demonstrates knowledge of gathering appropriate information from parents when a child begins to attend the setting.
- The childminder works to improve the provision through membership of childminding organisations and using self-evaluation to reflect on her practice and how she uses the childminding environment. She also shows a commitment to professional development.

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 held discussions with the childminder regarding her knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements.
- The inspector discussed with the childminder how she intends to deliver the educational programmes for children.
- The inspector examined documentation including the childminder's qualifications, looked at evidence of the suitability of household family members and discussed the childminder's self-evaluation form and improvement plan.
- The inspector observed areas to be used for the care of children, along with furniture, equipment and toys that are used for childminding.

Inspector

Michelle Britch

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2012 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and two children aged nine months and seven years in Darwen, Blackburn. The whole ground floor of the house, one bedroom on the first floor and the rear garden are used for childminding. The family has a pet dog. The childminder is able to attend toddler groups and activities at the local children's centre. She visits shops and parks on a regular basis and is able to collect children from the local schools and pre-schools. The childminder operates all year round from 7am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, except Bank Holidays and family holidays. She is a member of the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years.

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 |
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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 | 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

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| Unique reference number | EY453349 |
| Local authority | Blackburn |
| Inspection number | 955135 |
| 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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