OFSTED INSPECTION GRADES

Each year Ofsted inspect some of the people on the Childcare Registers. Sometimes they go to inspect people because parents have told them they are worried about the way their children are being cared for. Ofsted check that childcare providers are using the Early Years Foundation Stage or are doing what they should be to stay on the Childcare Register (or both).

The grades that are given to childcare providers are:

**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 previously shown as Satisfactory)** – Requires Improvement means 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 year's 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.