

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of the registered early years provision. 'Early years provision' refers to provision regulated by Ofsted for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday (the early years age group). The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare, known as the *Early Years Foundation Stage*.

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The setting also makes provision for children older than the early years age group which is registered on the voluntary and/or compulsory part(s) of the Childcare Register. This report does not include an evaluation of that provision, but a comment about compliance with the requirements of the Childcare Register is included in Annex B.

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 if the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 1993. She lives with her two adult daughters, in Wallington, Surrey. The whole of the ground floor is used for minding purposes and there is also a secure garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, three of which may be in the early years age group. The childminder has a National Vocational Qualification at level 3 in childcare. The family have a pet cat.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how to help children learn and has a suitable awareness of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates an understanding about how to meet children's individual learning and development needs and has toys and equipment readily available for children who may use her service. The childminder has considered her observation and planning systems and how she will implement these for individual children. All children would be treated equally and their individuality respected.

The childminder has effective systems in place to help her protect and safeguard children in her care. She has sufficient knowledge and understands her responsibility to protect children. The childminder has made improvements that relate to the actions raised at her last inspection. She has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that hazards on the premises are kept to a minimum. She conducts risk assessments on the premises and for outings and they identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis.

Information about children is kept on their files, all of which is shared with parents to ensure parents are kept up-to-date. Procedures for dealing with any concerns and complaints from parents are in place.

The childminder is able to reflect on her practice and is able to recognise her strengths and areas for improvement. For example, all actions raised at the last inspection have been met.

Compliance with registration requirements

The registered person continues to meet the requirements of registration.

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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