

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 1996. She lives with her husband and three children, two of whom are grown up and one is aged 13 years, in Fyfield, Ongar, Essex. The whole of the premises is registered for childminding purposes. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The family have two cats, a rabbit and a guinea pig.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and documentation, their appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Procedures for identifying children's starting points are identified by the completion of a baseline assessment, enabling the practitioner to assess the child's individual capabilities. Through the observation and assessment process the individual needs of children can be planned for and linked to the six areas of learning.

The practitioner, who has completed safeguarding training, demonstrated through discussion their secure understanding of what to do if they have any concerns regarding a child in their care. The comprehensive policy for safeguarding includes the action to take and telephone numbers of whom to contact. The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments undertaken and recorded. These are combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. Required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and reviewed regularly.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are developed through sharing relevant information to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and recorded, evidencing how they promote a culture of self-respect and inclusion. The setting can provide home cooked healthy meals for all children, for example minestrone soup, jacket potato with cheese and beans or tuna, fresh vegetables and fruit.

The quality improvement processes, such as reflecting on practice, along with the childminder's commitment and drive to improve, ensure that she has an awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of the setting in order to implement relevant action plans to improve the service provided.

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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