

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 2000. She lives with her husband and two children aged 14 and 17 years in the Wollaton area of Nottingham. The whole of the ground floor and the bathroom on the first floor of the childminder's house are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a pet dog.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight years at any one time, three of whom may be in the early years age range. She takes and collects from school.

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 a suitable understanding of her responsibility to keep children safe and meet their welfare needs. She has a secure knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board. The home is secure and risk assessments are robust. The childminder organises the home well to provide children with appropriate opportunities to rest and make independent choices in their play. The required policies and records to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and reviewed regularly.

All children and their families are welcomed into an inclusive environment. Children can have access to a range of activities and resources that raise their awareness of diversity. Resources, such as dressing up, books and small world figures, can be accessible. Through discussion the childminder demonstrates the importance of having an effective partnership with parents and others involved with the child. Useful information is gathered from when the child first starts. Additionally, information is exchanged verbally every day, ensuring the needs of the child are continually met. The childminder is willing to work with other professionals, such as schools, to consolidate and enhance children's learning. The childminder has addressed recommendations made at the previous inspection, promoting children's health and safety needs. Positive steps have been taken to ensure requirements are maintained, such as first aid training.

Healthy snacks can be provided for children and drinks can be available at all times. Additionally, to enhance children's health further, the childminder walks to and from school and visits the park. Through discussion the childminder demonstrates how she supports children's learning and progress. Children can take part in wide range of experiences to promote their enjoyment and achievement. The childminder understands that children develop at differing paces and have various interests. She observes children and then plans play to meet their ongoing needs. Children can be offered a range of activities that help them learn and comply to expectations, along with health, safety and care routines.

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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