

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 1994. She lives with her husband and two adult children and a child aged 12 years in Upton, Wirral. The childminder occasionally works with an assistant. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding. The toilet facilities are situated on the ground floor level. There is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time. The childminder offers care to children aged over five years. She is registered on the compulsory part and voluntary part of the Childcare Register. The childminder accesses Local Authority support. 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 documented policies and discussion, her secure understanding of the safeguarding procedures to follow to protect children from harm. All the required record keeping documents are in place to ensure children's safety at all times. The childminder has documented risk assessments for the premises and outings. These are reviewed on an annual basis. The premises are safe and secure. The childminder shows a strong commitment to providing an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and children learn about the diversity of society through planned activities and the resources available. Partnerships with parents and other professionals will be built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs and support their progression.

The childminder has attained the Open University Early Years Practice qualification and has completed Early Years Foundation Stage training in order to develop her skills as a childcare practitioner. Systems are in place to prepare individual planning for each child that will guide their progress towards the early learning goals. The planning is informed through carrying out observations and assessments on the children and following their interests. The childminder has a designated play room. This room is set out to enable children to independently make their choices in play from a wide range of resources. The childminder values planning activities within the outdoor area and the community to broaden children's learning opportunities and enjoyment.

The childminder will nurture children's enjoyment in physical activity and understanding of healthy eating. This will be achieved through planned activities and the provision of healthy food options. The childminder is registered with the local Environmental Health Department and has completed food safety training to protect children's welfare. Children's behaviour management includes positive strategies to help children's understanding of acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. The childminder keeps well informed regarding early years practice and implements self-evaluation processes to promote the continuous improvement of

her provision.

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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