

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 husband and adult daughter in the Woolston area of Warrington. Most areas on the ground floor of the property are used for childminding purposes, except for the sitting room and conservatory. There is a secure garden available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight years at any one time. 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 an appropriate understanding of how to safeguard children from harm. She is aware of the possible indicators of abuse and understands how to respond to any concerns about children's welfare. The premises are safe and secure, and the childminder conducts suitable risk assessments to reduce hazards to children's safety. She maintains all required records, policies and procedures, so that the setting is appropriately organised and managed.

The childminder demonstrates an understanding of how to encourage children to develop healthy lifestyles, for example by following good hygiene practices and eating a balanced diet. The childminder discusses how she manages children's behaviour appropriately and helps them to learn the difference between right and wrong. She provides an inclusive service, so that all children have equal opportunities and some resources are available to support children's awareness of diversity. The childminder understands how to promote children's learning and uses suitable systems to observe and monitor their progress across the six areas of learning.

The childminder understands the need to work in partnership with parents, carers and other providers to meet children's care and learning needs. She has addressed recommendations from the last inspection by making sure required suitability checks were carried out on her daughter and improving the arrangements for handling complaints. She is in the process of training towards a recognised early years qualification at level 3, which shows a commitment to developing her practice and skills.

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:

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