

## 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 husband, adult son and one child aged 14 years and the childminder's daughter-in-law. They live in the residential area of Fenham, in Newcastle upon Tyne. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of five children aged under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. She is currently minding no children in this age group. She also offers care to children aged over five years. Currently, there is one child that attends in this age group. The childminder is registered to offer overnight care for one child under eight years. The childminder cares for children all week from 7am to 6pm for 48 weeks of the year. She escorts children to and from the local school and attends toddler groups on a regular basis.

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 environment is welcoming and inclusive. Through discussion the childminder demonstrates that children are appropriately safeguarded as she has an understanding of the procedures to follow should she have any concerns about their welfare. She has completed safeguarding training and is aware of her responsibility to refer any concerns she may have. Most documentation required for the safe and efficient management of the setting is in place, for example, records of children's details, accident and medication records. The childminder states that she carries out a visual risk assessment of her home and any outings that she takes children on. However, she has not implemented a written risk assessment to support this to fully ensure children's safety. This is a welfare requirement.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates that she has knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and that she would provide a variety of activities to promote all areas of learning based on their individual needs. She finds out about children's needs through discussion and parents complete the contract form which details children's interests, dietary requirements and allergies. She explains that she would observe children's activities which would help her to plan the next steps in their learning and development. Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities would be accommodated based on their need and the childminder would liaise with their parents or any agencies that might be involved.

The childminder provides a welcoming environment which helps children to feel secure. She demonstrates that she has a sufficient range of toys and resources to meet the needs of children, which is well maintained and checked on a regular basis. These include resources that reflect positive images of culture, religion and disability. The childminder helps children to understand about the diverse society in which we live through looking at different festivals and taking children on

outings in the local environment. Through discussion she demonstrates that appropriate strategies would be used for behaviour management. She states that she recognises and praises positive behaviour and talks to children when behaviour is unacceptable. The childminder demonstrates that children health and well-being is promoted. She explains that she plans meals that are healthy and include fruit and vegetables.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates that links would be developed with parents, which ensure that they are kept informed of their child's progress. Written policies and procedures are in place and shared with them to ensure they understand how the provision would operate. This includes a complaints procedure for them to follow should they have any concerns. The childminder states that she completes a daily record of the child's day which they receive and which helps parents to continue their child's learning at home. She understands the need to develop links with other provisions that a child might attend as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage for continuity of learning and development. The childminder accesses a range of training and links with an early year's professional from the local authority for advice and guidance. Recently she has attended courses for food and hygiene and how to listen to children, which enhances her knowledge of good quality childcare.

## **Compliance with registration requirements**

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- maintain a record of the risk assessment clearly stating when it was carried out, by whom, date of review and any action taken following a review or incident (Documentation). 20/12/2011

## **Annex B: the Childcare Register**

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| 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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