

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 has been registered since November 2002. She lives with her three children aged eight, 12 and 21 years old. The childminder lives in an end of terrace house on a residential estate which is within walking distance of all local amenities. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding purposes and it includes a downstairs toilet facility. The house has direct access to a fully enclosed rear garden available for outside play. The childminder makes regular use of other play venues and places of interest.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and the voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for three children under the age of five at any one time. Of these, no more than one child may be under the age of one.

At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She demonstrates a sound knowledge of safeguarding issues and the procedures she is required to follow in the event of concerns about a child. The childminder maintains a safe environment for children. She has carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and compiled a list of areas that need monitoring on a daily basis when she is caring for children. The childminder has a current first aid certificate and valid public liability insurance.

The childminder has all the required policies and procedures in place to promote children's health, safety and well-being. All adults living on the premises are suitably checked by the Criminal Records Bureau. Through discussion, the childminder shows that she is aware of the learning and development needs of children and of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. For example, she understands that young children need to explore and be active and has planned for messy activities that can take place indoors and out. The childminder understands that young children can benefit from the use of new technology and understands the importance of children being able to independently access learning resources. The childminder has a suitable range of toys and resources to support children's all round development and these are stored in an accessible way. For outdoor play, there are tricycles, pull and push along toys, a climbing frame, various play balls and a play house.

The childminder plans to keep records containing her observations of what children are learning based on their starting points. She plans to use these to monitor their progress and plan their next steps in learning.

The childminder has suitable systems in place to promote partnerships with

parents. For example, she plans to use a 'home liaison' book through which she will communicate with parents on a daily basis. The childminder understands the importance of developing partnerships with other early years professionals to support children's learning and care.

The childminder is able to demonstrate how she will promote inclusive practice and how she will gain information from parents in order to meet the individual needs of children. The childminder has particular experience in how to support children with learning needs and/or disabilities and has links to local agencies in this field. The childminder evaluates and improves her service by keeping up-to-date with changes and reviewing and updating her resources. She demonstrates the capacity for continuous improvement.

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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