

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 2003. She lives with her daughter in a fourth floor flat, accessed by stairs or a lift, in Erith, Kent. The lounge, hallway and child's bedroom are available for play. The home is within walking distance of local schools and pre-schools.

The childminder is registered to care for three children aged under eight years, all of whom may be in the early years age group. There are currently no children in the early years age group on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion a satisfactory understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and how she will meet the needs of each child cared for. Her home is generally safe, and she explains how she will keep young children safe. She has recently refreshed her knowledge of safeguarding issues and procedures by attending training, showing a commitment to protecting children. However, she keeps only very minimal records of risk assessments, which is a breach of the legal requirements. The childminder describes how children are encouraged to think about their own safety, for example, by practising fire evacuation procedures.

Through discussion, the childminder shows she understands the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has documentation ready to record observations of children's play, and she describes how she will appropriately monitor each child's progress. She has suitable and sufficient toys for young children. The childminder provides an inclusive service. She explains how she encourages children to respect one another. She also attends toddler groups where different cultures and 'black history' week are celebrated.

The childminder uses questionnaires regularly to check that parents are satisfied with her service and the care of their children. She explains how she uses a daily diary to make sure they know what their children have participated in during their time with her. Parents see a list of the childminder's values and standards, and they sign to show their agreement with these.

The childminder describes effective techniques for managing children's behaviour. She encourages them to behave well and uses stickers as rewards. She has books which help her to guide children's behaviour, for example, books which help children to think about their feelings and the feelings of others. The childminder describes suitable ways to promote children's good health. She only provides home-cooked food, and has systems in place to record information from parents regarding children's allergies. Following her last inspection, the childminder has successfully addressed the recommendations, which has increased children's safety

and improved partnership with parents. She has begun to evaluate her practice in order to maintain continuous improvement. In addition, she regularly attends relevant workshops, such as safeguarding and food safety.

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 aspects of the environment that need to be checked regularly and a record of when and by whom they have been checked (Documentation). 24/04/2012

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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