

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 November 2002. She lives with her husband and their three young children in the Forest Hall area of Newcastle upon Tyne. The home is situated close to local schools and shops. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. There are seven pet rabbits and five guinea pigs on the premises.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children at any one time. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She also cares for children aged over eight years. 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 a good awareness of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the requirement to keep records of children's progress and has suitable formats available for this. Children's details forms and an "All about me" booklet enables their starting points to be identified. Through discussion, she demonstrated an understanding of the requirement to observe and assess children to support her in planning for their next steps of learning. A good range of toys and resources are stored safely and suitably to aid children in making their own independent choices. The resources include books, small world toys and other items to support an inclusive environment. There is also sufficient equipment, such as, highchairs and pushchairs to support the care of children.

The childminder demonstrates an effective knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues. She has an appropriate understanding of her role with regard to protecting children and knows the procedures to follow if she has any concerns. The premises are safe and secure, risk assessments are in place and she records any actions taken when a potential hazard is identified. The required policies, records and documentation to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place, for example, accident records, a safeguarding policy and a complaints procedure. In addition, the childminder has a valid first aid certificate and public liability insurance. A sick child policy is in place, so that children with sickness or infectious illnesses are not cared for. The childminder demonstrates an understanding of healthy eating through discussion of the snacks and drinks offered.

The childminder maintains positive relationships with parents of minded children through the sharing of verbal information on a daily basis and the completion of appropriate records. For younger children a daily diary format is available which records physical care and learning and development observations. Parents have access to all relevant policies and procedures and contracts set out clearly the expectations of both parties. The childminder has met the recommendation made at her previous inspection. She has plans for further improvement including the

use of a questionnaire to get feedback from parents and changes to the recording of observations.

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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