

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 registered in 2003. She lives with her son in Bletchley near Milton Keynes. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding and toilet facilities are upstairs. There is an enclosed garden for outside play. There is a quiet area available on the ground floor for children to sleep. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time; of these, three children may be in the early years age range. At the time of inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has not cared for children in the early years age range since registration. However, she was able to demonstrate through discussion and some documentation that she is aware of how to meet the welfare and learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. The provider has a suitable understanding of how to protect any children she cares for from harm. She is aware of how to record and report any concerns in line with Local Safeguarding Children Bureau procedures. She has also maintained her first aid qualification and continues to carry public liability insurance. She has suitable strategies in place to communicate with parents. While the provider does not currently have written procedures in place, she intends to prepare a range of policies to share with parents prior to minding children in the early years age range.

The childminder understands the learning and development requirements of the early years foundation stage curriculum. She described a range of activities she would provide that meet the six areas of learning. The childminder identified where she would link areas of learning and development to children's individual achievements. She described how she would communicate achievements to parents and showed that she is aware of the benefits to children of partnership working. The childminder has previous experience of communicating with schools, and she described effective ways of sharing information with them about children she may care for. The childminder has identified several areas for improvement. She plans to undertake training in several areas prior to minding again. This demonstrates her willingness and capability to improve. The provider demonstrated that she is able to plan for children's individual needs. For example she stated that she would gain information from parents regarding children's likes and dislikes and what they can and cannot do when they join her. The provider also stated that she would plan activities that all children would enjoy, adapting them as necessary depending on children's individual ages and stages of development. This demonstrates the childminder's ability to provide inclusive care.

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:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- produce a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (CR7 Procedures wuth dealing with complaints) 12/04/2012
- keep a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 12/04/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register section of the report (Procedures for dealing with complaints, Arrangements for safeguarding children) 12/04/2012