

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 2002. She lives with her husband and three children in Horsham, West Sussex. The ground floor of the childminder's house is available for childminding and there is a garden for outside play. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local parent/toddler group and takes children to the local library and parks. The family has two pet rabbits.

The childminder is registered to care for six children under eight years at any one time. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation a clear understanding of what to do if she has a child protection concern when looking after minded children. This is included in her written safeguarding policy. She has undertaken recent child protection training to ensure she fully understands and complies with current practice and legislation. The childminding premises are safe and secure with risk assessments in place, which are reviewed regularly by the childminder. She conscientiously maintains all of the required documentation, policies and procedures in a well-organised manner to ensure children's safety at all times.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation that she has a thorough understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Through discussion and documentation she demonstrates that she is compliant with all the statutory legal requirements. The childminder understands the importance of providing an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and children's individual needs are met in consultation with parents and other professionals working with the children.

The childminder makes sure that the everyday care and welfare routines of children are well met through her good organisational skills. She demonstrates how she obtains information from parents about children's likes, dislikes and interests, so that she can meet their individual needs well. The childminder explains how she promotes a healthy lifestyle through the provision of healthy food, drinks, fresh air and exercise. Children's behaviour management includes positive strategies to help children's understanding of acceptable and unacceptable behaviour.

The childminder has clear systems in place for gathering information about early years children when they are present. This enables her to assess children's individual capabilities and achievements. Indoor and outdoor activities will provide children with opportunities to make progress against the six areas of learning. The

system for undertaking observations of children is in place to enable the childminder to plan for their individual needs and interests in partnership with their parents. The childminder offers a balance of adult-led and child-initiated activities in a relaxed and homely environment.

The childminder understands the importance of self-evaluating her childminding provision, so that she can identify her strengths and any areas for further development. The childminder keeps herself up-to-date with early years issues. She regularly attends a wide variety of training courses and workshops to make 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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