

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and their four children aged seven months, two years and twins of eight years and a niece of 14 years, in, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Shops, toddler groups, a park, library and other amenities lie within walking distance. The childminder can take children to and collect them from local schools and pre-schools.

The whole of the ground floor and one room on the first floor of the three storey house is used for childminding. A fully enclosed rear garden is available for outside play. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. Her registration permits her to care for two children in the early years age range, at any one time. She currently has no children in the Early Years age range on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has attended a training course about the Early Years Foundation Stage and has acquired an adequate understanding of the learning and development requirements. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrated an understanding of how to provide play experiences and activities that will help children to make progress towards the early learning goals. She has a suitable range of resources to meet the needs of the age range of children she is registered for. The childminder demonstrated during discussion that children's individual needs are likely to be met. Records show she obtains information about children's individual needs including their usual routines for meals and sleep, their likes and dislikes, religious and cultural needs. She also obtains information about any additional needs children may have and demonstrated that she would use this information to provide appropriate care and activities to help children build on skills they already have.

The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of how to safeguard children and has devised a suitable written procedure which is made available to parents. She recognises the signs and symptoms of child abuse and is clear about her responsibilities in protecting them from harm or neglect. She has relevant documentation to support her to carry out procedures correctly which includes local telephone numbers. Procedures and required documents are in place to promote children's good health. The childminder has completed required risk assessments to ensure the safety of children and has booked a place on a training course to improve her skills further. She obtains insurance to cover her for public liability.

The childminder demonstrates awareness of how to provide an inclusive service and work closely with parents and other carers in partnership. Written records, policies and procedures required for the safe and efficient management of the setting are maintained. Parents and carers sign to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of these. The childminder demonstrated a satisfactory capacity to maintain continuous improvement. Although she has not yet put systems in place

to evaluate her provision, she has met actions from the previous inspection by completing first aid training and obtaining information about the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has booked a place on a course for risk assessment. Through discussion, she demonstrated some awareness of her strengths and areas to be developed. The childminder continues to meet the requirements of registration.

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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