

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 and lives with two children aged four and eight years in Rustington, West Sussex. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding and children use an enclosed back garden for outdoor activities.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. A maximum of four children under eight years may attend at any one time, with no more than two in the early years age group. At the time of the inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder shows a good knowledge of safeguarding. She has a clearly organised range of policies and procedures in place, to maintain children's safety and security. The childminder has up-to-date first aid training and well-organised fire safety precautions.

The childminder is an experienced carer and demonstrates a good overall understanding of the learning and development requirements. She explains how she plans for each child individually. She understands the need to provide a well-organised and stimulating play environment to help children be creative and imaginative in their learning. The childminder has a good range of indoor and outdoor resources suitable for children of different ages. The childminder is aware of the need to promote children's use of language, by supporting speech and communication. The childminder recognises the importance of helping children understand healthy lifestyles. She describes how she would provide a wide range of activities, where children can learn about healthy choices of food. She understands the importance of children having active play to promote physical development.

The childminder demonstrates an effective understanding of inclusive practice and of promoting the development of all children. She describes how she would take note of children's starting points and home interests. She demonstrates a strong awareness of the need to support children's achievement through observation and assessment. The childminder has well-prepared documents and systems to keep clearly organised records of children's progress. She also effectively understands the importance of working with parents. She knows how to make good use of photographs to show children's engagement in the learning activities. The childminder demonstrates through discussion, her understanding of how to link with other settings children attend. She is aware of how to use partnerships to provide continuity in children's care and learning.

The childminder has gained a good understanding of the need to appraise her practice and support improvement. She works with her local early years advisor

and has a prepared document in place to use for self-evaluation. Since the last inspection, the childminder has revised parental consents and widened the range of diversity-based play resources provided. She demonstrates capacity to maintain 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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