

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspection date	30/03/2009
Inspector	Sarer Marcia Tarling
Type of setting	Childminder

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*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

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.

Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 2004. She lives with her husband and five children aged 19, 17, 14, seven and four years. They live in an extended house in Belvedere, Kent, close to shops, parks, a library and public transport links. There is on-street parking available. All areas of the property are suitable for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family have no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, and is registered on the Early Years Register, and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder does not currently have any children in the early years age range on roll. However, she is caring for two older children on a part time basis. Registration does not include overnight care.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the importance of providing children with a wide variety of activities and experiences to support their individual learning and development. The childminder is familiar with the six areas of learning and of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) learning and development requirements. However, observation and assessment systems are still in their infancy.

The childminder has a good knowledge of each child and promotes inclusion by discussing with parents/carers their children's individual needs during the settling in period and through daily on-going discussions. Children's knowledge of diversity is appropriately developed through discussion and the activities she provides for them.

The childminder provides parents with a set of policies and procedures which demonstrate how she promotes children's health, safety and general welfare. The home is clean and well maintained and a key strength is the thorough risk assessment of the home and garden which helps ensure the necessary safety precautions are in place to keep children safe.

The childminder has completed the action set at her previous inspection. She now holds a paediatric first aid certificate and as a result children are provided with appropriate care in the event of an accident. The childminder is aware of her strengths and has a positive approach to training and making improvements in her setting and is exploring the use of self-evaluation to identify and address areas for future 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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