

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspection date	02/04/2009
Inspector	Sheena Gibson
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 report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration whichever is the later, which require Ofsted or the provider to take action in Annex C.

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 2005. She lives with her husband and adult son on the outskirts of Nottingham, within walking distance of local parks and a leisure centre. Access to the home is flat with a step on entering through the front door. Children access the ground floor of the home and there are toilet facilities in this area. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of 6 children under the age of eight years at any one time although currently has no children on roll. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a satisfactory understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She demonstrates good knowledge regarding the information that she would obtain from parents in order to meet children's needs and provide an inclusive service for them. She has a sound knowledge of safety issues including how to minimise risks and hazards within the home and how to ensure children's safety when on outings. She describes suitable safeguarding procedures that she would follow if there were a concern about a child.

The childminder has developed a broad range of documentation and has a sound understanding of how to complete, for example, accident and medication records. She maintains a clean and well-maintained home and has a good understanding of how to promote children's health and minimise the risk of cross-infection. She demonstrates a suitable understanding of providing healthy and nutritious meals for children, taking into consideration their individual dietary requirements. She has a sound understanding of how to help children to learn about keeping safe and healthy through routines and activities. She has a satisfactory understanding of the issues relating to supporting children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

The childminder has a sound understanding of how to effectively support children's learning and development. She has a sufficient understanding of how to carry out sensitive observations on the children and how to plan a range of activities for them. She has a good understanding of working in partnerships with parents and other people who impact on children's development and has considered how information is shared regarding their welfare and learning.

The childminder is committed to improving her practice. She has suitably addressed the recommendations from the previous inspection and has considered how she evaluates her practice in order 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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Annex C: complaint/s made to Ofsted

This section of the report includes details of any complaint/s made to Ofsted when:

- we took action for the provider to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- we asked the provider to take action in order to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- the provider had already taken any necessary action to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register.

We will not report on any complaint where the provider met the requirements of the Early Years Register or did not require any action by Ofsted or the registered provider.

Detail of the complaint/s

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.