

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 was registered in 2005. She lives with her two children aged 11 and six years old in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. All areas of the home are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age group. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrated through discussion, her understanding of the procedures to follow in the event of any safeguarding concerns. The written procedures in place relate to the Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures.

Appropriate arrangements exist to promote healthy lifestyles as the childminder has given good consideration to providing healthy meals, regular opportunities for physical play and to promoting good hygiene. She recognises the importance of maintaining a safe and secure household and demonstrates what action she would take to protect children, both indoors and outside. She has completed a written risk assessment for the home and for outings she takes children on. She holds a current first aid certificate and understands how to manage and record accidents and the appropriate administration of medication. She has the required documentation in place, including written policies, to support the efficient management of her business and shares these with parents.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion and documentation, an appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She demonstrates an awareness of the six areas of learning and the importance of following children's individual interests when planning activities for them. She understands the need to make observations of children at play, such as through photographs, so that she can monitor their progress and identify the next steps in their learning. The childminder also recognises the benefits to children of working in partnership with their parents, carers and other early years professionals, in order to provide consistent and coordinated care and learning. She demonstrates a clear understanding of how to support good behaviour, for example, she uses lots of praise and encouragement.

The childminder demonstrates commitment and drive to improve her provision through a process of reflection and self-evaluation. She demonstrates awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of the setting, in order to implement relevant action plans to improve the service provided. She is committed to attend training, in order to update her knowledge and understanding.

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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