

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 2006. She lives with her husband and two school age children in Worthing, West Sussex. The ground floor of the is used for childminding purposes and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The family has two cats.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of these only three may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently has no children on roll. The provision is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates an awareness of the importance of keeping children safe. She identifies and reduces possible hazards by conducting risk assessments of her home, garden and places they might visit on outings. The childminder has updated her knowledge of the signs to indicate that a child may be at risk of harm. Guidance and procedures are now in place that means she knows how to refer any concerns to safeguard children's welfare. The childminder has completed a paediatric first aid course so she can manage children's minor injuries and illnesses. She demonstrates a clear understanding of how to make sure all children have the same opportunities, supporting equality and diversity. She recognises that everyone is different and knows how to adapt the activities so that all children can be included. The childminder has resources for all ages of children, with a few reflecting positive images of people from around the world. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrated her capacity for improvement by recently evaluating her practice. For example, she would like to attend more training to increase her knowledge in areas such as safeguarding. She has generally addressed the recommendations set at her last inspection.

Through discussion, the childminder provides good examples of the type of activity she would provide for children. For example, looking at the natural environment in the garden, making bark rubbings on the tree and observing the frogs spawn. She is able to explain how this would be suitable for all children to be included as even the youngest ones can gather leaves and feel the textures. The childminder has records in place to note children's progress. She discusses how she meets the needs of each child through planning, observation and assessment. The childminder describes interesting ideas for extending children's learning and subsequently their development. The childminder explains how she keeps records of children's progress to share with their parents and other settings they attend. As a result, everyone involved in the children's development works in partnership.

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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