

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, two adult children and one child aged 12 years in Sapcote, Leicestershire. The whole ground floor of the property, with the exception of a bedroom on this floor, is used for childminding. There is currently no access to the garden but the childminder makes use of local recreational facilities for outside play. She is able to take and collect children from local schools. The family has a pet dog, a cat and two degus in a secure cage.

The childminder is registered to 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 range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

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 shows a good knowledge and understanding of Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures and has attended training to reinforce this. Through discussion she demonstrates a secure understanding of what to do if she has safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A clear policy includes the required information needed should she need to take action. However, the childminder does not hold a valid paediatric first aid certificate, which is a breach of a welfare requirement.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation a secure understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Documentation is evident to include parents in the completion of records to confirm their child's individual needs and starting points for their learning and development. The childminder discusses how observation and assessment procedures are established in order that the individual needs of the children can be planned for. This process includes monitoring the children's progress against the six areas of learning and identifying their next steps. Through informal planning, children can take part in a range of activities, both indoors and out.

Overall, the premises are safe and secure because the childminder undertakes risk assessments and daily visual checks. Risk assessments are included for outings and any venues so children's safety can be maintained. Discussions show that the children are helped to learn to keep themselves safe as the childminder teaches them road safety and practises emergency evacuation procedures. She promotes good hygiene and minimises the risk of cross-infection through consistent routines and procedures, including sickness exclusion.

Partnerships with parents and carers are built through the sharing of information

to meet children's individual needs. The childminder is aware of the importance of building relationships with other early years providers to ensure consistency in children's learning. The required policies are established to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder explains how she promotes a culture of positive attitudes through age-appropriate methods for behaviour management. There are a wide range of developmentally appropriate toys and these include resources that promote equality of opportunity, ensuring a fully inclusive experience.

The quality improvement process, such as the self-evaluation, is satisfactory. The childminder can describe the strengths and areas for improvement. Appropriate steps have been taken to address the recommendations from the last inspection, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to improvement.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure a current paediatric first aid certificate is maintained (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare). (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) 16/04/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for). 16/04/2012

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