

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 2008. She lives with her husband and three children aged six weeks, five and 12 years in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. The whole of the house is registered for childminding and there is a garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, no more than two of whom may be in the early years age range. She 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 demonstrates through discussion and documentation her knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and has assessment records of children's progress towards the early learning goals in place. She has a good understanding of how young children learn and this enables her to provide a range of experiences and activities to adequately support learning and development. Planning is well documented and flexible so that it can be adapted to focus on children's interests. Planning, observation and assessment are fully developed to ensure children's progress can be clearly recorded and linked to the early learning goals or fully identify children's next steps in learning.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation how children's welfare is safeguarded through her clear understanding of the known indicators of child abuse and the action that should be taken in the event of a concern about a child in her care. Written policies, procedures and required documentation for the safe and efficient management of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and fully maintained. Comprehensive risk assessments are in place and updated as required. These are combined with a clear understanding of risk assessments to maintain the safety of the premises. The required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation her understanding of partnership working with parents, carers and other agencies. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity, ensure a fully inclusive service. The childminder can provide healthy snacks and meals for all children and this is documented on menu plans. Methods used for behaviour management are appropriate to their ages and stages of development. Systems of self-evaluation ensure that the childminder is aware of the strengths of her practice and areas requiring further development. She is a qualified primary teacher and has attended many training courses relevant to childcare.

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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