

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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. He lives with his partner, who is also a registered childminder, and two children aged twelve and ten years in East Ardsley, a suburb of Wakefield. The whole of the ground floor property is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools. The family has a cat and chickens.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. There are currently no children attending who are within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five years to eleven years. He is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll at the time of this inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a positive attitude towards continued improvement and is committed to developing his knowledge and understanding of relevant areas. For example, since his last inspection he has attended training about the, revised Early Years Foundation Stage; he has updated his first aid certificate and attended a number of workshops, including safeguarding, oral health, food safety and creative development. The childminder regularly reflects on his practice to ensure that he continues to meet requirements.

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the need to work in partnership with parents and others to safeguard children. He has a good awareness of possible signs and symptoms of abuse and is confident in his ability to implement safeguarding procedures effectively in order to protect children. The childminder provides a smoke-free environment and has robust risk assessments in place to ensure that the indoor and outdoor environment is safe for children to use. These are recorded and include risk assessments for outings. All required documentation is in place and includes requests for written parental permission at the time of the child's admission to the seeking of any necessary medical advice or treatment in the future. There are systems in place to record children's attendance, the administration of medication, accidents and existing injuries.

The childminder states that he treats everyone with equal respect and would not hesitate to challenge stereotypical views. A good range of resources are available that are not gender based. Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how he can help children to learn about, understand and celebrate similarities and differences in a diverse society through a range of activities and resources that reflect diversity. In discussion the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to promote a positive attitude to healthy eating, exercise and good hygiene practices; for example, by providing a balanced diet and ensuring children's routines include washing their hands before meals and after using the toilet. The childminder demonstrates a clear

understanding of his role in ensuring children learn to evacuate quickly in an emergency and how they can keep themselves safe.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a suitable understanding of how to use observations to identify children's next steps and inform future planning. He understands the learning and development requirements and demonstrates how he is able to provide a range of activities across the areas of learning to support children's progression. The childminder demonstrates how he intends to include parents in children's learning; for example by discussing individual progress with them, using a progress file, and providing information on activities parents can carry out at home to promote a coherent approach to learning.

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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