

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 2009. She lives in an inner-city area of Birmingham with her husband and three children aged 12, seven and four years. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house as well as the bathroom and a bedroom on the first floor are used for childminding purposes. There is an enclosed section of the back garden near the house available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time. Currently there are no children on roll in the early years age range. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder has procedures to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and who speak English as an additional language. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

There were no children on roll at the time of the inspection. Through discussion the childminder is able to demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how to meet the needs of the children. The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of child protection procedures and is clear about her duty to report and record any concerns. All members of the household undergo suitability checks to confirm they can have contact with the children. The childminder is aware of potential hazards in the home and has taken action to minimise these. She has completed a risk assessment of the premises and garden, however outings have not been included. The required fire detection equipment in place, such as smoke detectors on both levels of the premises and a fire blanket is sited in the kitchen. However, the childminder has not conducted fire drill to ensure children know what to do.

The childminder has an adequate range of toys, play materials and equipment in place to help provide a suitable play and learning environment for children. Her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage is developing. She is committed to developing her understanding of these requirements through training in order to support children's progress towards the early learning goals and has attended workshop on letters and sound. She has devised learning journals for children to show how they are developing, however observation and assessment do not include sufficient information about children's next steps.

The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents. She has a number of procedures in place which are shared with parents, such as a complaint policy and safeguarding procedures. The childminder is aware of the required records she needs to have in place when caring for children. However information regarding parental responsibility is not held. Suitable systems are in place to record children's attendance, accidents and medication. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate and a first aid box is easily accessible. Through discussion it is clear that the childminder recognises the uniqueness of each child and how working with parents, carers and others involved in the care of the child

helps to meet their individual needs.

The childminder shows a commitment to improving her provision by attending training. Since the last inspection the childminder has received support and advice from the development officer in the local authority. She has addressed all of the actions and recommendations from the last inspection and this has improved some outcomes for children with regard to their well-being and welfare. The childminder is able to demonstrate how she has improved the two-way flow of information with parents to meet children's individual needs, and keep them informed about the provision. The childminder consults parents about her setting, however she has not developed an effective system to monitor and evaluate the quality of the provision.

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:

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