

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 2009. She lives with her husband and three children aged four, 11 and 15-years in Rothley, Leicestershire. The whole of the ground floor of and most of the first floor of the 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.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age range. The childminder provides care for three children over five years. 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 demonstrates through discussion and documentation, an appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder explains, and documentation shows, that she identifies children's starting points by asking parents to complete 'All About Me' forms. These help the childminder to assess the children's individual capabilities and interests. Through an observation and assessment procedure 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. These are then used to plan appropriate activities and build on what the children can do. Through informal planning children can take part in activities, both indoors and out, such as crafts, games, jigsaws and outdoor play to promote their enjoyment and social skills.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of what to do if she has safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A clear policy for safeguarding includes the required information needed should the childminder need to take action. Overall the premises are safe and secure because the childminder undertakes risk assessments and daily visual checks. However, cords to some window blinds pose a risk to the older children that the childminder cares for. Discussions show that the children are helped to learn to keep themselves safe as the childminder teaches them road safety. The childminder promotes good hygiene and minimises the risk of cross-contamination by providing disposable hand towels.

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 in place and have been updated to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The

childminder explains how she promotes a culture of care and sharing through playing games. There are a wide range of developmentally appropriate toys and resources available for the ages of the children the childminder is registered to care for. 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 has not updated her written self-evaluation since the last inspection. However, she has taken the appropriate steps to meet the action and recommendations from the last inspection, showing a commitment to improvement.

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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