

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspection date	18/05/2009
Inspector	Nikki Whinton
Type of setting	Childminder

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*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

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.

Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 2001. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her husband and three children aged four, six and 11 years in Devizes, Wiltshire. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding, and on the first floor, children have access to one bedroom, a toilet and a bathroom. There is a fully enclosed outdoor play area. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder has not cared for any children in the past four years.

The childminder is registered to provide care for a maximum of three minded children under the age of eight years at any one time, including two children within the early years age group.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has completed all mandatory training. She offers a provision that is adequately clean and maintained. She understands her important role in protecting children and knows the correct procedures to follow should she have a concern about a child's welfare. The childminder realises the importance of undertaking regular risk assessments and of making sure children are supervised at all times. Nevertheless, unsecured wall units, an unsecured wire in the lounge and household articles stored on the stairs constitute potential hazards to children. The childminder understands the need to offer the children a balanced menu of healthy food options, which meet their dietary requirements and parents' wishes. The childminder has an adequate knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. She realises the need to offer a balanced range of child-initiated and adult-led learning opportunities, delivered through indoor and outdoor play. She is aware of the need to undertake observational assessments of minded children in order to assess their stages of development across all aspects of the curriculum and to plan the next steps in their learning. She understands the need to build positive links with other key early years providers and the parents, in order to ensure there is a partnership approach to supporting children's progress.

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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