

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Yvonne Layton
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 report includes information on any complaints about the childcare provision which Ofsted has received since the last inspection or registration whichever is the later, which require Ofsted or the provider to take action in Annex C.

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 lives with her husband and two children aged two and seven in North Wingfield, Derbyshire. The whole of the ground floor and a rear and front bedroom on the first floor is used for childminding. Toilet facilities are on the ground floor. Access to the premises is via a small step to the front door. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to provide care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time. The childminder drives to the local schools and children's groups to take and collect children. She undertakes outings. The family have a rabbit.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates clear understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to ensure children are supported to develop their learning and their welfare is soundly promoted. She has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements to enable children to develop their potential. This includes providing a wide variety of planned and free-choice indoor and outside activities to support children to make progress in all areas of learning. The childminder places appropriate emphasis on ensuring that practice is inclusive for all children and families. The individuality of children is valued and respected. She is committed to making sure they have access to all activities which are adapted to meet individual needs. She understands the importance of working in partnership with parents and other providers involved with the children. The childminder believes in promoting positive relations with parents by providing written and verbal information such as parents having access to written policies and procedures. She recognises the importance of maintaining ongoing dialogue to ensure continuity of care and education such as the sharing of behaviour management strategies. Steps are taken by the childminder to evaluate her provision and she has plans for improvement of the setting. The action from the last inspection has been completed as she holds a current, appropriate first aid certificate.

The childminder has considered how to provide quality education and care to ensure children make progress in their learning and development and enjoy their time in the setting. She has a clear understanding of encouraging children to make progress including using individual observational assessments to track their development and supporting their learning through play and by daily routine.

The childminder demonstrates clear commitment to promoting children's welfare and safety. All required and additional documentation is in place. Safety equipment, clear procedures for activities both in the home and on outings and a maintained risk assessment ensure children are protected. She understands her responsibility to protect the welfare of the child and has sufficient knowledge of the safeguarding children procedures. The childminder has a sound understanding of how children's good health is promoted including established procedures for in the home and on outings. She has considered the need to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. Children are

protected in an emergency situation as fire evacuation procedures and checks on fire alert equipment are maintained.

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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Annex C: complaint/s made to Ofsted

This section of the report includes details of any complaint/s made to Ofsted when:

- we took action for the provider to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- we asked the provider to take action in order to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register; or
- the provider had already taken any necessary action to meet the requirements of the Early Years Register.

We will not report on any complaint where the provider met the requirements of the Early Years Register or did not require any action by Ofsted or the registered provider.

Detail of the complaint/s

There have been no complaints made to Ofsted since the last inspection.

The provider is required to keep a record of complaints made by parents, which they can see on request. The complaints record may contain complaints other than those made to Ofsted.