

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Lynda, Margaret Ronan
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).

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.

Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 2003. She lives alone in the Chorlton area of Manchester. Children are cared for on the ground floor of the house, which includes the playroom and back lounge. There is access to the family bathroom and toilet upstairs. The premises are suitable for persons with disabilities. The garden is not registered for use.

The childminder is registered to provide care for a maximum of four children at any one time, of these, three can be in the early years age group. She is also registered on the Compulsory and Voluntary Childcare Register. There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group.

The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children and is a member of the National Childminding Association.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has attended training to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage and is able to demonstrate through discussion how she promotes children's learning and development. She is developing systems to observe and assess children in order to maximise their learning opportunities and describes a range of activities that promote all areas of learning.

The premises are well maintained and child orientated, for example there is a dedicated play room, brightly decorated and resourced to meet children's needs. Children's safety is given good attention and the childminder has provided precautionary equipment, such as radiator covers, stair gates and smoke alarms and a fire blanket to promote children's well-being. However, she has not maintained a record of her risk assessment of the premises or of journeys outside the home which are breaches of regulation.

The written food policy and behaviour management policy are satisfactory and show a good understanding of health issues and the need to promote children's self-esteem.

The childminder has a range of written policies and procedures which she shares with parents in a 'starter pack' and has systems in place to gather good information from parents about their child, this provides two way information between parent and carer to meet the needs of children.

The childminder strives to improve her service by attending courses and taking action on recommendations made at inspection. At the last inspection the childminder was asked to: complete a pre-registration course; to risk assess her premises and devise an emergency evacuation procedure; to gain prior consent from parents to seek professional help in a medical emergency and to devise a system of recording any complaints. The childminder has attended a pre-registration course; devised an inventive emergency evacuation plan involving 'Welliphant' the fire brigade's mascot which is designed to be effective but not to

perturb children; has completed, although not recorded a risk assessment, and has systems to gain necessary consents and to record complaints.

The childminder remains suitable for registration.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- maintain a record of aspects in the home that need to be checked on a regular basis and complete risk assessments for journey outside of the home (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) 24/02/2009
- complete a risk assessment of outings, for example, journeys to and from school and review these before embarking on each specific outing (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare). 24/02/2009

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

Since the last inspection there have been no complaints made to Ofsted that required the provider or Ofsted to take any action in order to meet Early Years Foundation Stage General Welfare Requirements.

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.