

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspector	Mary Kilroy
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 2006. She lives with her two children aged nine and five in the Whalley Range area of Manchester. The whole of the ground floor and the upstairs bathroom of the childminder's house are used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed rear garden for outside play. The family has a dog.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under the age of eight years at any one time. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There are currently no children on roll. The childminder has completed a relevant childminding course.

The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She attends local carer and toddler groups and takes children to the library and local park. She works with an assistant and is an assistant at another premises, where she currently cares for children. The childminder receives support from Sure Start.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she is able to provide well for children's welfare, learning and development. She has established a comprehensive range of policies and procedures which meet requirements. Children's records were kept appropriately in the short time that she cared for children and written observations and planning, linked to the Early Years Foundation stage, were begun. The childminder demonstrates an ability to provide an inclusive environment for children, and through discussion and record keeping she consults parents to agree children's starting points and builds well on their interests. She understands the importance of fostering good parental partnerships for continuity of care for children. Further evidence, including pictorial, shows how she consults children about activities, routines and behavioural expectations in order to promote their sense of belonging and ownership. Although formal systems for self evaluation are in the early stages, the childminder is able to identify improvements to further develop the smooth running and effectiveness of the setting and has good understanding of strengths and weaknesses. The premises are safe inside and outside and all requirements from the registration visit were completed. The childminder has completed a paediatric first aid course since registration and continues to access relevant training, including safeguarding children and food hygiene.

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

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met