

Inspection report for early years provision

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Inspection date	29/06/2009
Inspector	Lynn Amelia Hartigan
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 2005. She lives with her husband and two children, aged five years and five months, in Wickford, Essex. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. Access to the childminder's home is via a low step.

The childminder is registered to care for four children at any one time. This provision is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The family have rabbits as pets.

The childminder regularly visits the local toddler groups, childminding groups, baby gym, swimming pool and parks.

Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Children can make progress in their learning and development as they would be provided with many learning opportunities in an inclusive, child-friendly environment. Information gathered from the children's parents before minding commences ensures the childminder can meet the children's individual needs and personal requirements. The childminder has completed training since the last inspection such as the Early Years Foundation Stage, 'Birth to Three' matters and Child Protection and as a result the childminder is fully informed and knowledgeable on how to promote good learning outcomes and safeguard children.

The childminder is a reflective practitioner and is making good attempts at self-evaluation, identifying areas that she would like to develop further when minding commences. Robust risk assessments have also been completed in preparation for minding to ensure safety and the children's well-being.

The childminder is enthusiastic and motivated to provide a good service and is extremely organised. All paperwork is maintained to a high standard and policies and procedures have recently been reviewed and updated. Parents are offered these within a welcome pack.

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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