

## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Unique reference number</b>	EY347348
<b>Inspection date</b>	28/05/2009
<b>Inspector</b>	Tracey Marie Boland
<b>Type of setting</b>	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 2007. She lives in Kenilworth, Warwickshire with her child, aged eight months. There is one step to the front door of the childminder's house. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children between the age of one and eight years at any one time. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is not currently minding children. She lives within walking distance to local schools. She has two cats and a small dog.

## Overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has an understanding of the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundations Stage and is taking time to familiarise herself with it. She is aware of the various updates to the records, policies and procedures that she maintains. The childminder takes positive steps to promote children's health and safety. Since the last inspection, she has removed hazardous items within the playroom, installed a stairgate to stop access to the kitchen when cooking, and her fire is guarded. Although there is no public liability insurance at present, this will be in place before childminding commences. She has also ensured that she now has a copy of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board procedures in place to refer to. The childminder conducts informal risk assessments of her home and takes steps to minimise risks to children through the use appropriate safety measures including socket covers, cupboard locks and ensures the home and garden are secure.

The records and contracts that the childminder has in place enable her to gather sufficient information from parents and carers in order to ensure that she can meet the needs of the children in her care. The childminder demonstrates how she explains her safeguarding children and complaints procedures to parents and carers. The childminder intends to work closely with parents to ensure that she is able to meet the needs of all children in her care. She has a very positive attitude towards supporting the diverse needs of children, to include those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and those who speak English as an additional language.

The childminder holds an early years qualification and has experience of working within the six areas of learning and understands the importance of planning to meet the individual needs of the children she cares for. A range of resources are available and the childminder has access to a local toy library. Children will access the garden where there is a range of resources for all ages and walks will be taken in the local community. The childminder will provide a range of toys and resources suitable for children, including art and craft experiences, books, puzzles, board games, construction play and role play.

## **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