

Inspection report for early years provision

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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*.

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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.

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Description of the childminding

The childminder was registered in 2005 and is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives in Thatcham with her family. The whole house is used for childminding.

The childminder is registered to care for five children under eight years at any one time and is not currently minding. The childminder uses local facilities with the children, such as the children's centre and park. The family have as pets, a bearded dragon and some fish.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has increased her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. This has further developed her knowledge of how to record children's progress. She then uses these assessment records to plan for the next steps of children's learning.

The childminder does not have a valid paediatric first aid qualification as her qualification has expired, this therefore reduces her ability to manage medical emergencies. The childminder has a sound understanding of how to promote children's good health through their diet. She ensures children are offered a balanced diet and plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Within the childminder's home the minded children are provided with plenty of space to play and explore. The childminder has a clear understanding of the range of resources required for the registered age range and the need for these to offer the children sufficient challenge. The childminder has a range of information for parents which includes her welcome pack with details of her policies and procedures. This is given to new parents to ensure they are aware of all aspects of the care that their children will be offered.

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:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course (also applies to the both parts of the Childcare Register). 04/01/2010

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (promoting good health) 04/01/2010
- impliment and retain a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse and or neglect (arrangements for safeguarding children) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 04/01/2010

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (promoting good health). 04/01/2010
- take action as specified for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (arrangements for safeguarding children). 04/01/2010