

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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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 2007. She lives with her husband and one adult child aged 18 years in a house in Little Aston, near Sutton Coalfield, West Midlands. The lounge at the back, playroom, kitchen and downstairs toilet are the areas of her house that are made available for childminding; the premises are accessed via one step. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The house is within walking distance of shops and schools.

The childminder is registered to care for six children; she is currently minding two children on a full/part-time basis. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Since the last inspection, the childminder has addressed the actions recommendations set. The childminder has refreshed her knowledge on how to identify the types and signs of child abuse. There are procedures in place if she has any concerns about a child in her care or if an allegation was made against her or a family member. Through discussion she now demonstrates that she has gained sufficient knowledge and understanding of how to do observations and assessments of the children in order to help them progress through the areas of learning. The childminder has attended a first aid course and a written record of medication administered is now maintained. Consent to seek emergency medical advice and treatment is obtained and recorded.

The childminder has had several meetings with support workers from the local authority in order to gain further knowledge and guidance. She has a range of policies and procedures in place which outline all aspects of her practice, including a complaints procedure and a written safeguarding policy, which are legal requirements. Written risk assessments have now been completed and are to be reviewed regularly. Public liability insurance has been obtained for the provision.

The childminder is aware of the processes of self-evaluating her practice in order to identify any areas that need improving or developing. She plans to continue to develop her knowledge through further training.

The childminder has plans to offer a range of activities for the children which include lots of art and crafts, games, role play and puzzles. There will also be cooking, trips to local toddler groups and regular visits to the local park. The childminder has a spacious, clean and well maintained home and garden in which to care for the children.

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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