

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 registered in 2005. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder works from her parents' house, where her parents and brother live. The childminder has a two-year-old daughter who is with her when she is minding. The family home is in Thatcham, Berkshire. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding, with one upstairs room used for sleeping purposes only. The garden is not in use and the childminder takes children for regular outings to local parks for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age group. She is not currently minding children in the early years age group but is minding three older children. The family have two dogs and a cat.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a sound understanding of child development and the need to offer children a broad range of activities, which best support their ongoing learning. Although not currently minding children in the early years age range, she has continued to update her knowledge and undertake a wide range of relevant further training courses. Within the childminder's home, the minded children are provided with plenty of space to play and explore. The childminder undertakes risk assessments on all areas of her home to ensure children are safe. The childminder has a sufficient selection of toys and resources and has more at her home, which allows her to rotate the selection on offer to the children. The childminder has a highly detailed policy pack which she shares with new parents to ensure they are aware of all aspects of the care that their children will be offered.

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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