

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. She lives with her son aged three years in the residential area of Sunderland in Tyne and Wear. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed yard for outside play. She has a dog, a rabbit and two fish as pets. The childminder cares for children on weekdays from 7.00am to 6.00pm for 48 weeks of the year.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age range. She is currently minding no children in this age group. She also offers care to children aged over five years and is currently minding six children in this age group. She is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder can support children with English as an additional language and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The childminder has established links with the local school where she collects children from. There are currently no other partnership arrangements in place with any other early years settings.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the childminder meets the specific legal requirements. She demonstrates a friendly and caring disposition. Her home is clean and well-maintained with sufficient space for children to play. She discusses how this is complemented with trips to places of interest. The childminder has a growing understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The range of resources available and planned activities ensures all of the areas of learning are covered. The childminder has a clear understanding of her role and responsibility with regard to safeguarding. She also has procedures in place to carry out regular risk assessments within her home and for outings, to reduce the risk of accidental injury. The childminder shows a positive attitude to providing an inclusive environment. This includes linking closely with parents and other professionals, in order to meet children's individual needs. She also shows a good understanding of the benefits of liaising with other practitioners where children receive care and education in more than one setting, to ensure continuity and cohesion. All of the actions and recommendations raised at the previous inspection have been positively addressed. This has a favourable impact on the quality of the service she offers. The childminder accesses a range of training, links with an early years professional from the local authority and implements procedures to evaluate her practice. This ensures continuous improvement is satisfactorily maintained.

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