

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 registered in 2000 and lives with her husband and two children, one of whom attends junior school. The family live in a house in the village of Sheet, near Petersfield, Hampshire and children have use of rooms on the ground and first floor. A fully enclosed rear garden offers opportunities for outside play. The provision is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

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 caring for three children, of whom none are in the early years age group. The family has gerbils as pets. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Overall the childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder recognises the importance of working in partnership with anyone involved in a child's life and has systems in place to build strong relationships with parents. The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the issues regarding child protection including the procedures to follow should she have any concerns about a child in her care. Through discussion it is evident that she has a satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage to enable her to provide young children with a range of activities to promote their learning across all areas of their development. Her home provides a safe and welcoming learning environment for children and she has a satisfactory range of toys and resources that children can access freely. Individual towels and wash bags are available for children to use to prevent any cross infection.

The childminder has a range of resources including books to promote children's understanding of diversity and systems in place to enable her to find out about children's individual needs. Children have the opportunity to develop their physical skills and improve their overall health by having access to the childminder's garden. Children are taught to think about their own safety, for example, by practising fire evacuation drills and through discussions about road safety. The childminder has a range of policies and procedures to share with parents and these all meet the legal requirements. She has a satisfactory knowledge of additional paperwork that is required such as the need to keep an accurate register, to record accidents and medication given. She has effective systems in place to monitor and evaluate her provision in full and she has made recommended changes to her practice since her last inspection to benefit children. The childminder has attended training to develop her skills and knowledge with regards to caring for young children and has a place to commence her level 3 qualification. This demonstrates that she has a satisfactory capacity for continuous improvement.

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