

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 with partner and two children aged six and nine in Thatcham, Berkshire. The whole house is used for childminding. The garden is not used so the childminder visits local parks and outdoor play areas.

The childminder is registered to care for five children under eight years at any one time and is not currently minding. The childminder has pet tortoises, chickens and a dog.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the need to offer children a broad range of activities which best support their on going learning. The childminder has not minded since her last inspection and has therefore not addressed the actions that were set at that time. She has not gained the required paediatric first aid qualification. The childminder has not updated this training for a while, which greatly reduces her ability to manage medical emergencies. Whilst the childminder has not addressed her previously set actions she is aware of the requirements and has clear plans in place to address these before she begins minding. Discussions show she has appropriate capacity to maintain continuous improvement once she starts minding again.

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. She understands the need to have a wide range of toys and resources to ensure children of all ages are offered sufficient challenge in their play and learning. The childminder promotes inclusive practice and understands the need to record sufficient information about each child to enable her to meet their on going needs. 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.

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). 25/04/2011

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) 25/04/2011

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) 25/04/2011