

## 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 2010. She lives with her child aged two years old. They live in a house in a residential area in Witham, Essex. All areas of the childminder's house are registered for childminding. Access is via one low step up to the front door. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children at any one time. She currently has no children in the early years age group on roll. The childminder is also registered to offer care to children aged over five years to 11 years. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The childminder attends the local carer and toddler group on a regular basis. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and take precautions to prevent accidents. Since the last inspection, significant improvements have been made to ensure that all the essential documentation that promotes the welfare and safety of the children is easily available for inspection. The childminder has moved house and has updated her risk assessments to make sure that the new premises are safe, secure and include the necessary facilities for children. Public liability insurance is consistently carried and the childminder holds a current first aid certificate, so that she can confidently deal with minor injuries. The childminder has attended safeguarding training and has obtained up-to-date child protection literature. This gives her a suitable knowledge of the signs and symptoms of possible child abuse and she can act on any child protection issues. The childminder is well aware that only adults who have completed the relevant background checks through the Criminal Records Bureau are suitable to work with children. There are clearly written policies and procedures that cover all aspects of practice and the childminder has devised an informative welcome pack to share with parents.

The childminder strives to improve her childminding service and attends regular training events to develop her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how young children learn. She has addressed the actions set at the last inspection and also acted on advice from her local authority development worker. The childminder now continually researches best childcare practice and has just started completing a formal self-evaluation to look at priorities for development that will enhance outcomes for children.

Discussion with the childminder suggests that children are very much valued and respected as individuals. She has books and resources that reflect positive images of diversity so that children can learn about the differences and similarities between themselves and others. The childminder is aware that some children may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and understands about the

information she needs to gather from parents to ensure that she provides the best possible care.

A wide variety of good quality play materials are available for both indoor and outdoor play and learning experiences. The childminder is able to plan and provide a suitable range of activities and experiences across the six areas of learning, taking the needs of individual children into account. She has developed systems to assess children's progress towards the early learning goals and help move children to the next stage in their learning. The childminder shows a willingness and commitment to working with parents to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way which promotes the child's welfare and development.

## **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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