

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 2002. She lives with her partner and 10-year-old child in Brentwood, Essex, where the whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder walks or drives to a local school to take and collect children. The family has a dog and two cats.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and on both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for five children under eight years. At the time of inspection, there were no children in the early years age group on roll. She is currently minding nine children on a part time basis, three on the compulsory Childcare Register and six on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association and receives support from the local authority.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrated an understanding of what to do if she had any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. Her comprehensive policy for safeguarding children includes the actions to take and the telephone numbers of whom to contact. Adults caring for children and living on the premises have been vetted. She has the means to record children's personal details, accidents, medication given, incidents, existing injuries and times of attendance. She has the means to obtain all the necessary parental written consents to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. She carries public liability insurance and has the means to make contracts with parents to ensure that she will be meeting children's individual needs. The premises are safe and suitable, although the childminder has not ensured that her risk assessments have been recorded to evidence that she has undertaken such checks.

The childminder has attended all the required training and holds a current first aid certificate to enable her to care for children's minor injuries and accidents. She has the capacity for continuous improvement and has addressed the recommendations set at the last inspection by obtaining the 'What to do if you're worried a child is being abused' flowchart and including the contact details of the regulator for parents and carers in her complaints procedure. She demonstrated the need to meet children's individual needs by sharing information between other providers, partners, parents and carers.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrated an appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards their early learning goals. Her procedures for identifying children's starting points include discussions with parents to enable the assessment of the child's individual capabilities. She understands that each child is unique and that the planning of activities should be tailored to meet their individual needs. She

demonstrated how she will observe, assess and organise activities to ensure that children receive a balance of adult-led and child-led activities through both indoor and outdoor play. Through discussion, she demonstrated a commitment to promoting children's health by providing them with a range of healthy, balanced and nutritious meals and snacks. She is committed to managing children's behaviour in a consistent way to promote their welfare and to raise their self-esteem.

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:

- keep a record of the risk assessments clearly stating when they were carried out, by whom, date of the reviews and any actions taken following reviews or incidents. (Documentation) 25/11/2011

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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