

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 1998. She lives with her husband, in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. The ground floor is used for childminding and there is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She uses the adjacent playing field and park.

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 three children under eight years, of whom, three may be in the early years age group. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder understands about how to plan for children's learning and the procedure for observation and assessment used to identify the next steps in children's learning. The childminder makes available a range of activities, both indoors and out which means children enjoy a suitable range of experiences. The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation, her suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has documentation in place to record information from parents about their child's individual needs.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her sound knowledge of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The policy for safeguarding ensures that procedures can be appropriately followed. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure, however, the childminder has not recorded the required risk assessments. She completes a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises.

The childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and the childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. The childminder has a range of policies and procedures in place to share with parents.

The childminder has addressed most of the recommendations raised at the last inspection appropriately. The childminder is aware of the strengths and areas for improvement of her provision and states her intention to attend further training to improve her practice, demonstrating a capacity to improve.

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:

- conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly - at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises. 01/12/2011

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 (Suitability and Safety of Premises and Equipment) 01/12/2011

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 (Suitability and Safety of Premises and Equipment) 01/12/2011