

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 has been registered since 1997. She lives in Hepworth village in Huddersfield with her two adult sons. They live in an end terrace house near to the centre of Hepworth. The ground floor of the property and the bathroom on the first floor are used for childminding purposes. There is a garden to the rear of the property that is used under close supervision for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register to care for six children under eight of whom three may be in the early years age group. She is also registered on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early years age group. There are 16 children on roll who are over the age of five years. They attend for a variety of sessions. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and documentation the childminder demonstrates good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder demonstrated very good understanding of the six areas of learning and has wide ranges of toys and resources in place for children to participate in a variety of activities including craft, imaginative play, music, baking and physical activities. She supports children's progress in all areas of their learning through providing a varied and age-appropriate range of activities. Children's starting points are established through discussion with parents at introductory visits. The childminder plans for children's individual interests and uses observations of children's activities to build profiles of their progress within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion that she has good understanding of what to do if she had any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The childminder keeps up-to-date with safeguarding training and she has a written policy in place that includes the procedures she would follow and relevant contact telephone numbers of whom to contact. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder has completed risk assessments for all activities inside and outside the home. The childminder described how she regularly checks toys and equipment and ensures they are appropriate to the ages of children attending. The required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and maintained well.

Partnership with parents and carers are established through the sharing of information. The childminder shares her policies with them and through introductory visits establishes children's needs and starting points. The childminder described how through daily discussion and the sharing of development files she maintains good relationships with parents and meets children's individual needs. The childminder has a clear behaviour management policy in place and through discussion she demonstrated very good understanding of how to positively promote children's good behaviour. The childminder described how she meets children's individual needs through working with parents. She offers a fully

inclusive service and positive images of diversity are promoted through activities and high quality resources. The childminder uses her equality and diversity policy to support her practice.

The childminder attends relevant training in order to develop her service. She demonstrates good awareness of her strengths and weaknesses and evaluates her service to identify areas to improve. The recommendations from the last inspection have been addressed. This improves outcomes for children.

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