

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 registered in July 2001. She lives with her husband and one child aged 12 years. All areas of the ground floor are included in the registration and the bathroom which is situated on the first floor. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outdoor play. The property is in Croxley Green, Hertfordshire and is situated close to local amenities, such as shops, parks and schools.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time. Of these, no more than two may be in the early years age range, including one under a year. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. Overnight care is not included in the registration and the family has no pets. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association (NCMA).

At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

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 is aware of the processes she needs to have in place to identify children's starting points and understands the procedures to then follow, through observation and assessment, to identify the next steps in children's learning. The childminder demonstrated through discussion how she then uses this information to plan a range of activities and play experiences, using both the indoor and outdoor environments which are developmentally appropriate and meet children'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. She has updated her safeguarding knowledge through attending training and has a safeguarding policy in place. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments to maintain the safety of the premises.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to be able to plan and provide an inclusive and enabling environment that meets each child's 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. Policies to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and available to share with parents.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion how she monitors the quality of the provision. She is aware of her strengths and areas for improvement and

understands the importance of regularly updating her knowledge through training to improve her practice, therefore demonstrating a capacity to improve. She has addressed the recommendations raised at the last inspection.

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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