

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 1990. She lives with her partner and adult daughter in Middlesbrough. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. 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 demonstrate, through discussion and documentation, her sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Evidence suggests that she has developed links with parents and other providers to help support children's welfare. Systems are in place for observation and assessment to support children's progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder discusses how she would plan a varied range of activities indoors and out to develop children's knowledge of the world around them.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her secure understanding of what to do she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A policy for safeguarding includes the action to take, and telephone numbers of who to contact are clearly displayed. The premises are safe and secure and risks are assessed. The required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and shared with parents.

The childminder has a positive attitude to inclusion and has developed partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies. She understands the importance of sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. A behaviour management procedure is in place and the childminder confidently talks about providing children with lots of praise and encouragement to support good behaviour. The setting can provide healthy meals and snacks for all children.

Systems are in place to help drive continuous improvement, such as, attending relevant training and working with other childminders to develop the provision and help promote outcomes for children. Recommendations and actions from the previous inspection and visit have been implemented to develop the service provided.

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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