

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 husband in Ipswich. The whole of the ground floor of the property and the upstairs bathroom, is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play. Accessibility to the premises is via a step.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. There are currently three children aged over eight years on roll. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder is able to demonstrate through discussion and documentation, that she has an understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress in their learning and development. The procedures for identifying children's starting points are completed by parents in the information booklet so the childminder can assess the child's individual capabilities. Through the observation and assessment procedure the individual needs of children can be planned for. She has in place a daily journal and observation booklet. This includes space to plan, record and monitor the children's progress and is clearly linked to the six areas of learning and has space to record the next step in their learning. Through her policies on planning, play exploration and active learning children would be provided with a range of activities to promote their enjoyment and learning.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if she has any concerns regarding safeguarding children. She has a written policy for safeguarding children which includes the action to take and local contact telephone numbers. The premises are safe and secure, with clear risk assessments fully in place for all areas of the home and garden. These would be combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises when minded children are present. The childminder has a range of the required policies to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage in place.

She has developed secure partnerships with parents, through daily discussion information is exchanged on children's individual needs. A policy for managing children's behaviour is in place and documentation on promoting a culture of self-respect, with house rules and anti-bullying strategies help children to learn boundaries. Policies and procedures on equality of opportunity and special educational needs ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. The childminder also has some resources in place and posters displayed to develop children's understanding on people's differences.

The childminder has received written feedback from parents and a questionnaire is

available for parents to complete to help support her in evaluating her practice. The childminder has completed all recommendations from the last inspection. She had developed her documentation and records so accident and medication records remain confidential and the time of children's arrival and departure is recorded daily. Safety has been improved as children are no longer at risk of locking themselves in the bathroom and she has increased her resources to reflect the wider society.

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