

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting

Childminder

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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 to care for children in 1990. She lives with her husband and 12-year-old daughter. They live in a quiet, residential area in Oakdale, close to Poole town centre, in Dorset. Childminding is carried out on both levels of the property with sleep provision on the first floor. Toilet facilities are accessible on each level. Children have access to an enclosed rear garden area for outside play. The family has a dog, three pet rabbits kept in outdoor hutches and tropical fish.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to provide care for five children under eight years. There are no children in the early years age range currently on roll. She is also registered to provide overnight care for two children. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association and a local childminding group. The childminder and her husband are also foster carers for the local authority.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has clear knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a range of suitable toys and equipment for young children. Equality and diversity are promoted and toys that show positive images of differences are integrated within the provision. Previous children's registration forms detail their individual needs and preferences. The childminder has effective systems to develop links with parents. All required policies and procedures are in place and well organised. The childminder is well informed about safeguarding and all adults living at the address have been vetted. Written risk assessments are in place for the home, garden and a variety of outings. In addition, the childminder completes daily visual checks of the property to maintain safety standards. The childminder has good systems to promote the good health of children. She has recently completed first aid and safeguarding training and regularly meets with other local childminders to share good practice, therefore, ensuring continuous improvement of the childminding provision.

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