

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 was registered in 1995. She lives with her husband, two adult children and one child aged 13 years in Mundesley, Norfolk. All areas of the house, with the exception of the main bedroom are used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The family have three dogs and keep chickens in an enclosed area of the garden.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time, of these no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder holds relevant childcare qualifications. At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age range.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation, that she has a comprehensive understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She is a well qualified childcare practitioner, attends training to enhance her knowledge, and meets regularly with other professionals in order to keep up-to-date with current childcare practices. The childminder demonstrates a strong commitment to improving her practice and has addressed the one point for consideration raised during her last inspection.

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 a range of detailed policies, that are all accessible to parents, outlining the practices she would adopt to safeguard children and promote their welfare, development and learning. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and take precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments along with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. The childminder's home is welcoming and child-centred. The garden provides a particularly stimulating learning environment, as children can explore nature within the hedgerows, plant and tend vegetables, build dens and enjoy physical activities. The childminder has documentation in place to record information from parents about their child's individual needs, interests and abilities. She demonstrates a secure understanding of the observation and assessment process so that she can plan for children's continued development through play-based activities.

The childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnerships with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual 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.

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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