

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 1992. She lives with her husband and two daughters in a three-bedroom bungalow in Winterborne Stickland, near Blandford Forum, Dorset. Most areas of the home are used for childminding purposes. There is currently no garden available for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a total of four children under the age of eight years. There are currently no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has an adequate knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements to enable her to meet most of the welfare requirements. She does not have a current first aid certificate as this expired a couple of years ago. This is a breach of the welfare requirements. The childminder is aware of the need to evaluate her effectiveness to help her make improvements to her practice when she starts minding. She recognises the need to update her knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements to support positive outcomes for children. The childminder is aware of where to seek help and advice from to help her with this.

Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate an appropriate awareness of how she can support children's learning through a range of different activities to help them make progress. She is aware of the need to observe children as they play and identify next steps in their learning so that she can support their progress. She has an appropriate range of toys to cover the different areas of learning and will ensure they are accessible to the children to encourage them to make independent choices in their play. Through discussion the childminder is able to demonstrate how she will raise children's awareness of difference and diversity, and support all children to help them feel valued and included. The childminder is aware of the need to work with parents. She will ensure that all the necessary information about children's individual care and learning needs is in place. Daily discussion with parents and ongoing communication will help to promote consistency.

Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate the appropriate steps to take to provide children with a safe environment and how she will support their health and hygiene. She demonstrates the appropriate knowledge to promote positive behaviour. The childminder is able to share a suitable awareness of safeguarding issues and the appropriate steps to take should she have a child protection concern about a child in her care.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person

must take the following action by the specified date:

- ensure a paediatric first aid certificate is in place (Qualifications, training, knowledge and skills). 29/02/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- keep and implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse and neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding) 30/12/2011
- draw up a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by email (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 30/12/2011
- ensure an appropriate first aid qualification is in place (Welfare of the children being cared for). 29/02/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Arrangements for safeguarding) 30/12/2011
- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (procedures for dealing with complaints) 30/12/2011
- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Welfare of the children being cared for). 29/02/2012