

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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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 1989. She lives with her partner and their two children aged 13 and 15 years old. The family live in a first floor flat in the Lee Bank area of Birmingham within walking distance of the city centre. The childminder uses her lounge, enclosed balcony area and the bathroom is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time. She also offers care to children over five years. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder takes and collects children from the local schools. She has an early years qualification at level 3.

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 demonstrates a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has documentation in place to support children in the six areas of learning and is aware of the importance of making regular observations and using assessments to plan for the next stage in children's learning. The childminder demonstrated a good awareness of planning appropriate activities for children to ensure they receive appropriate support and challenge. She explained that she would collect information on their interests and plan a wide range of play opportunities both indoor and outside in the community.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion, a good understating of what to do if she had any safeguarding concerns regarding children in her care. The comprehensive policy for safeguarding includes the action to take, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. The childminder's home is safe and secure and she has risk assessments in place, which also includes written procedures for car travel and outings. The required policies to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and reviewed regularly.

The childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of the importance of partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies. She has arrangements in place to provide and obtain all the required information from parents, in order to meet each child's individual needs. There is a good range of written policies and procedures to ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. Positive strategies for managing children's behaviour are in place to promote their welfare. Through discussion, the childminder explained that she would provide a range of healthy snacks, such as, fresh fruit, yoghurt and ensure regular drinks are made accessible to children.

The childminder has started to complete the self-evaluation form, which has

helped her to identify some of her strengths and weaknesses. She has also completed a level 3 qualification in early years. This demonstrates the childminder's commitment to make improvement.

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