

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 2007. She lives with her husband in Derby. The whole of the childminder's house is used for childminding purposes and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. There are local shops and schools within easy walking distance and the childminder collects children from local nurseries and schools. The family has a pet cat.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six 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 no children attending who are within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five years. 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 demonstrates through discussion and documentation, an appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a suitable knowledge of child protection issues and procedures to ensure that any concerns are acted on appropriately. She has suitable procedures in place to ensure children are never left with anyone who has not been vetted. All adults living on the premises are suitably vetted. The childminder undertakes risk assessments and has an appropriate understanding of safety issues and how to minimise risks and hazards within the home. Policies and procedures are documented well and available for parents to inform them of the childminder's practice. The premises are well maintained, clean and welcoming.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion that her policies and procedures support equality of opportunity. She has arrangements in place to work in partnership with parents to support children's individual needs and to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and children with English as an additional language. The childminder has established positive relationships with local the school which enables her to work in partnership with them to promote continuity of children's care and learning. Resources within the home are organised to enable children to access them independently and include resources to promote children's awareness of similarities and differences in themselves and others. The childminder describes how she promotes children's learning and development through a varied range of activities. She places particular emphasis on promoting craft and baking activities and recognises how these types of activities can help to support all areas of children's learning. The childminder is appropriately familiar with the learning and development requirements and she is able to demonstrate through discussion how she would undertake sensitive observational assessment in order to plan to meet children's individual learning and development needs.

The childminder is suitably committed to improving her practice. She has met the recommendation made at the last inspection which has improved her

arrangements to support children's awareness of their wider world through planned activities and resources. She has begun to develop self-evaluation systems and has arrangements in place to include parents and children in this process.

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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