

## 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 June 1998. She lives with her husband and two teenage children in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and the childminder's husband is an assistant. The whole of the property is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from the local schools and pre-schools. The family have two rabbits, three hamsters and a budgie as pets.

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, including one child under a year. She is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. Overnight care is not included in the registration.

At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation, her suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She is aware of the processes she needs to have in place to identify children's starting points and understands the procedures to then follow, through observation and assessment, to identify the next steps in children's learning. The childminder demonstrated through discussion how she then uses this information to plan a range of developmentally appropriate activities and play experiences, using both the indoor and outdoor environments to meet children's individual needs.

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 safeguarding policy in place and is familiar with the correct recording and reporting procedures if she did have a concern. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments to maintain children's safety.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to be able to plan and provide an inclusive and enabling environment that meets each child's 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. Policies to meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and to meet children's needs are in place and available to share with parents.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion how she monitors the quality of the provision. She is aware of her strengths and areas for improvement and

understands the importance of regular training to enhance her practice, demonstrating a capacity to improve. She has addressed the recommendation raised at the last inspection.

## **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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