

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 1996. She lives with her husband and two children in Merstham, Surrey. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house, plus one bedroom and the bathroom on the first floor are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder walks to the local shops, parks and schools. She regularly attends a toddler group. The family have a pet cat.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time; of these, three may be in the early years age group. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. 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

At the time of inspection there were no children on roll. The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation her clear understanding of how to promote children's learning. Assessment processes include gathering information from parents regarding their child's development and making observations of children as they play. Play resources are organised to promote children's freedom of choice to help to develop their independence. The childminder highlights that resources will be tailored and supportive of children's individual needs and learning styles. She explains that she provides opportunities for children to develop their awareness of all areas of diversity through the toys and activities.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her sound understanding of safeguarding children. This is further supported by her policies and procedures and her knowledge of what to do if she had any concerns regarding a child in her care. The premises are safe and secure, with safety precautions such as stair gates in place. Effective risk assessments have been carried out on all areas minded children would have access to, which has enabled the childminder to identify any potential risks and take appropriate actions to ensure a safe environment for children. The required records are in place and ready for use. From discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she supports children's dietary needs and works in consultation with parents to provide healthy meals and snacks. Children are encouraged to understand the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and appropriate personal hygiene routines. She explains that children have opportunities to enjoy play times in the garden and visit local parks to develop their physical skills and enjoy a range of outdoor pursuits.

Relevant information is shared between the parents and the childminder, in order to meet children's needs and build positive relationships. The childminder explains that she is aware of the need to work in partnership with any other settings if required. She has begun to self-evaluate the service she plans to provide and is

identifying areas for her own professional development. She has taken appropriate action in response to the recommendations made at her last inspection. She has renewed her first aid certificate and has updated her knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues through her attendance of further training, showing her commitment to driving 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
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The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:	Met
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