

Inspection report for early years provision

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Type of setting	Childminder
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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 1994 and lives with her husband and adult son, in the area of Whalley, near Clitheroe, Lancashire. The provision is registered on the Early Years Register and also the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The whole of the ground floor and bathroom are used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed outdoor play area to the rear of the property.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. She also offers care to children up to 11 years of age. The childminder is qualified to a level 3 in Childcare and Education. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and documentation the childminder demonstrated her sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage necessary to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder showed through discussion her appropriate understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns. This she does by having the correct procedures to follow, for example her policy includes the action to take, the telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. She is fully aware of the need to complete risk assessments and maintain a safe and secure home for children, with all documentation ready for completion in place. The required policies to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and are to be reviewed regularly.

The procedure for identifying the children's starting points is by discussion and completion of an 'All About Me' book with parents, which includes the personal details, likes and dislikes of the child. Information on the children's routines is to be sought from parents to ensure the childminder is able to support the unique needs of their child and to assess the children's individual capabilities. By the childminder having the procedures for observing and assessing children she can plan for their individual needs. In her procedure for planning she was able to demonstrate the type of activities she is to provide. These activities include art, construction, games and outdoor play to promote children's enjoyment and learning whilst at the childminder's. The childminder discussed the system for her self-evaluation and how she is to implement this once she starts minding again. She discussed the process of assessing her provision to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the setting, necessary for her to implement any relevant action plans in order to improve the service provided.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are built through the sharing of information to meet children's specific needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place, for example behavioural rules with pictures to support children's understanding of the expectations for behaviour. Through discussion, she evidenced how she would promote and praise their behaviour to build

children's self-esteem and confidence. The childminder explained that she is to provide home cooked, healthy food for children, working with the parents on the dietary needs of the children. She has undertaken training in food hygiene and has completed the oral health programme, 'Smiling for Life', to assist children in caring for their teeth. She has also undertaken training to a level 3 qualification in childcare and education to develop her knowledge and skills.

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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