

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 1990. She lives with her husband and adult son. They live in a house in a residential area in Billericay, Essex. All areas of the childminder's house are registered for childminding. Access is via one low step into the front door. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the need to offer children a broad range of activities which best support their learning priorities. She demonstrates through discussion and her documentation how she will ensure that all children have access to a range of experiences and outings that are in tune with their interests and capabilities. The childminder has a clear understanding of the range of play materials required for the registered age range and the need for these to offer the children sufficient challenge to support their progress.

The essential documentation that promotes children's welfare and safety is in place. The childminder recognises that the safety of children is a priority and takes action to keep risk to a minimum in her home and on outings. All members of the household have completed the relevant background checks. Suitable safety procedures have been implemented to help develop children's awareness of fire evacuation, road safety and risk. The childminder has developed her knowledge of child protection procedures through safeguarding training and is aware of who to contact if she has a concern about a child in her care.

The childminder has a wealth of experience in caring for children of all ages. She attends training opportunities to enable her to improve her practice and make continuous improvements. The childminder has started completing a self-evaluation form and links with her development worker and other childminders to share and gather ideas about activities in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage. The recommendations raised at the last inspection have been met. The childminder now shares her complaints policy with parents and ensures that the children's hours of attendance are accurately recorded.

The childminder understands the benefits of an effective partnership with parents

and others. Links with local schools and pre-schools have been established to promote continuity in children's care and learning. The childminder has an appropriate understanding of how to support children's good health. She has the appropriate documentation to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. Through discussion she demonstrates that children will access a range of activities and routines, which will support children's understanding of personal hygiene and a healthy lifestyle.

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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