

## 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*.

The provider must provide a copy of this report to all parents with children at the setting where reasonably practicable. The provider must provide a copy of the report to any other person who asks for one, but may charge a fee for this service (The Childcare (Inspection) Regulations 2008 regulations 9 and 10).

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 1995. She lives with her husband and two adult daughters in the residential area of Preston Grange in North Tyneside. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register, and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children aged under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder cares for children Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for 52 weeks of the year. The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate. The family has two dogs. 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**

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation, their sufficient understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children and safeguard their welfare. The childminder talks to parents, when their child first starts to attend, to gain an understanding of the child's interests and their development. Procedures are in place to provide introductory visits to ensure that children can settle quickly in her setting. The childminder is aware of the need to make observations about what children can do and then will refer to the practice guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage to enable her to plan for the children's next steps. The childminder shows a fair understanding of the areas of learning and would promote these through activities such as, making models, reading stories, baking and trips out in the local community.

The childminder demonstrated a sufficient understanding of her responsibility of how to safeguard children. She shows a sound understanding of this through procedures which she would follow if she had a concern about a child in her care and has telephone numbers to contact. The premises are safe and the childminder would regularly check toys and equipment that the children will use to ensure these are adequately maintained. Although visual risk assessments would be completed by the childminder, she was not aware of the need to record these. Most of the required documentation is in place to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Partnerships with parents are developed through sharing information about children's individual needs. The childminder will use sufficient procedures to settle children into her setting, and to share information with parents so they are aware of what their child has been doing in the childminder's care. The childminder currently uses systems to share information with schools for the older children she currently cares for and would extend these when she begins to care for younger children. The childminder follows clear procedures to manage children's behaviour and also to promote positive behaviour. Equal opportunities will be promoted by the childminder as she has sound procedures to ensure she meets all children's

individual needs. Healthy eating will be promoted through a selection of foods such as, vegetable sticks, dips and wraps with different fillings.

Although the provider is aware of her strengths, self-evaluation is not fully secure to ensure that she can assess the areas of her provision that may need improvement. The childminder shows some understanding of the need to consider this further so that she can make improvements that will benefit the care of any children in the early years age range who attend her setting in the future.

## **Compliance with registration requirements**

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly - at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises (Suitable premises, environment and equipment). 23/01/2012

## Annex B: the Childcare Register

The provider confirms that the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are:

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- implement a written statement of procedures to be followed for the protection of children, intended to safeguard the children being cared for from abuse or neglect (Arrangements for safeguarding children)(also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 23/01/2012
- develop a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing (Procedures for dealing with complaints)(also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register). 23/01/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register section of the report (Procedures for dealing with complaints, Arrangements for safeguarding children). 23/01/2012