

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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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 2006. She lives with husband, her two adult children and her 14 year old son. The family live in the Cheadle Hulme area of Stockport, Cheshire, close to schools, local facilities and transport links. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding purposes. There is a secure decking area for outdoor play.

This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and on both parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight years at any one time.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. 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, her suitable understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder plans activities such as, arts, crafts and trips to the park and garden centre for the children. She is aware of and has put thought into new planning, observation and assessment since the last inspection. However, new systems are still developing to enable her to plan across all areas of their learning.

The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, her suitable understanding of what to do if there are any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The policy for safeguarding includes the action to take, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. The premises are safe and secure, with risk assessments for the premises in place and detailed for any planned outings. The childminder now holds a current first aid certificate. The required policies to meet the welfare requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and reviewed regularly. For example, the register now includes the actual times and arrivals of the children attending.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are developing to meet children's individual needs. However, she is still devising some systems to enable them to become more involved. Through discussion, she speaks of the importance of working with the local schools and is working with Sure Start to improve her service, taking any recommendations forward that they suggest. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and there is documentary evidence which identifies positive strategies and practise. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity ensures that a fully inclusive environment is promoted. She provides healthy meals and snacks for all children and discusses menus with the parent.

The childminder is committed to her work and she has an awareness of her strengths and the improvements she needs to make throughout the setting. However, she has not yet started to use the self-evaluation to monitor her

practise. All actions set on the last inspection have been met and she now has a wider knowledge and understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Framework. Her reading of the guidance, along with planned courses within the local authority, ensures that she has the capacity to maintain improvement in her provision.

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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