

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 two adult children in the Mickleover area of Derbyshire. The whole ground floor, apart from the conservatory, is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play. The family has two rabbits, a guinea pig, a conure bird, two tortoises and fish.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register to care for maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, three of whom may be in the early years age range.

At the time of the 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 appropriate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Children's starting points are identified by effective communication with parents. Observation and assessments of the children help the childminder to plan and monitor their progress in all areas of learning. Planning of activities, both indoors and outside, means that children can take part in a varied range of experiences that provide appropriate challenge, maintain their interest and promote enjoyment. For example, photographs show children making cakes, dressing up, building intricate structures from small bricks and enjoying outdoor play where they climb equipment and observe nature and wildlife.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The clearly written 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 in place and undertaken. These are combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. The required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and reviewed regularly.

Partnerships with parents and other agencies are built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and they follow clear guidelines and boundaries which teach them to be respectful, kind and considerate to others. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity, ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. The childminder provides a healthy cooked snack for all children and drinking water is readily available.

The quality improvement processes, such as the self-evaluation, and the childminders commitment and drive to improve ensure she has an awareness of her strengths and weaknesses in order to implement relevant action plans to

improve the service provided. She networks with other local childminder's to share good practice and keep her childcare knowledge up to date.

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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