

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 2007. She lives with her husband and two children aged eight and four years in Maidstone, close to shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding with toilet facilities on the first floor. There is an enclosed garden for outdoor play. The family have a dog.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory part of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of four children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age range. She is also registered by Ofsted on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register to provide care for children aged eight years and over. The childminder is not currently minding any children on either register.

The childminder is registered to provide overnight care for one child aged under eight years. The childminder holds National Vocational Qualification at level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development from March 2011.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

Through discussion and sharing a written policy the childminder demonstrates that she understands her role and responsibilities with regards to child protection. She confidently describes possible safeguarding issues and demonstrates a suitable awareness of the process to follow should she have concerns. The childminder has completed child protection training in the past and is booked on a course to help ensure she is aware of current guidance and information. She explains how she identifies and minimises risks in and outside her home, so that children can play safely. Examples of this are using safety gates at the stairs and having a fire guard fitted. She maintains a valid paediatric first aid certificate so that she is aware of recent guidelines. The childminder demonstrates, through discussion, a positive attitude towards behaviour management being very aware of the benefits in using praise and encouragement. The childminder is very clear about the variety of information she obtains from parents to help support individual children's health and welfare. She explains how she encourages children to understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle. For example, drinks would be readily available for children to have when they wanted them. She promotes healthy eating by including snacks of fruit or cheese, with home cooked meals such as shepherd's pie or spaghetti bolognese.

The childminder talks about how she meets children's learning and development needs. The available playroom, leading onto the garden for outdoor play, is inviting. The extensive range of resources helps promote and encourage children to make easy choices about their play. The childminder describes how she uses observations made as children play to note achievements and encourages parents to do the same at home. The childminder states how she would note children's achievements and progress from observations made as they play. The childminder plans activities and has a good selection of resources that help children gain an

understanding of diversity. She is very aware of the need to support every child's need. She discusses how this may possibly relate to learning familiar words of a home language to help children settle or working with others to support an individual's disability. Through discussion and sharing her written policies the childminder keep parents fully informed of her procedures and practices. The childminder is very aware of the required records and documentation she needs to maintain. She has met her past recommendations and keeps up-to-date with current practices. She demonstrates a positive capacity for continuous improvement.

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

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