

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 2002. She lives with her husband and four children aged six, nine, 14 and 17 years in Harlow, Essex. The whole of the ground floor of the premises are used for childminding purposes. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The family have two rabbits, seven guinea pigs, one gerbil, two cats and an aquarium of fish.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and part of the Childcare Register. 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 practitioner demonstrates through discussion and documentation her clear understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. The procedures for identifying children's starting points are through the completion of a baseline assessment of children's individual capabilities. Through systems in place for observation and assessment, the individual needs of the children can be planned for. This process includes monitoring children's progress against the six areas of learning. Through planning of activities, both indoors and out, they can take part in a wide range of experiences to promote their enjoyment while at the setting.

The practitioner demonstrates through discussion her secure understanding of indicators of child abuse and what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns about a child in her care. There is a comprehensive written policy for safeguarding in place detailing appropriate procedures to follow. The premises are safe and secure, with written risk assessments in place as required. These are used alongside daily checks 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, carers and other agencies are built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. Positive behaviour management procedures are in place and documentation evidences how they promote a culture of self-respect. Policies and procedures, such as equality and diversity, ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted. The childminder can provide a balanced range of foods for all children, for example, pizza, sandwiches and roast dinners with fresh vegetables.

The quality improvement processes, such as the self-evaluation, and the provider's commitment and drive to improve, ensure that she has an awareness of the

strengths and weaknesses of the setting in order to implement relevant changes to improve the service provided.

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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