

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 1995. She lives with her husband and two children, one aged 12 years and one adult, in Chatham, Kent. The ground floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. There are steps to access the premises.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, no more than three of which may be in the early years age range. The childminder is currently minding four children between the ages of six and 10 years. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age range.

The childminder drives to local schools to take and collect children. She attends the local childminding groups. The family has two pet cats and a hamster.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder is able to explain how she will meet the learning and development requirements. She has sound procedures in place to observe children, assess their individual abilities and plan activities to help them progress towards the early learning goals. The range of toys and activities available are suitable for a wide age range of children. There are ample amounts of toys for children to use too. The childminder has experience of caring for children from a range of different family backgrounds and with various individual requirements. In particular, she has supported children with special educational needs. The childminder is able to offer an inclusive service to all children.

The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of safeguarding matters and understands her responsibility to promote the welfare of the children. She has completed child protection training and holds an up-to-date first aid certificate. The childminder has appropriate record books available for children's attendance, recording accidents and recording the administration of medication. The childminder understands the need to complete regular risk assessments on her premises, toys and equipment, and can demonstrate how she does this.

The childminder can explain her procedures to help her work in partnership with parents and others. For example, by discussing a child's progress with their key person at pre-school. She is also able to demonstrate through her previous records that she discusses children's individual requirements with their parents. The childminder has developed annual questionnaires to canvass parents' opinions of her service. These help her to evaluate her practice and continually improve her service for children and their parents.

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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