

## 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 2003. She lives with her children aged 17 and 14. They live in a house in Silver End, Essex. The whole ground floor of the childminder's house is registered for childminding. Access is via one low step into the front door. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a cat and keep fish in an aquarium as pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children at any one time, of whom, no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. The provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder walks to local schools to take and collect children. She is a member of the National Childminding Association.

There were no children on roll in the early years age group at the time of the inspection.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion, a sound knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage. All the regulatory documentation that promotes children's welfare and safety, is in place. The childminder understands her responsibilities for protecting children and knows how to take precautions to prevent accidents. Suitable risk assessments are undertaken in relation to the premises and outings. Good use is made of items, such as, safety gates and cupboard locks, to prevent children's access to potential hazards. The childminder is aware of her duty to ensure that children are only supervised by people who have completed the relevant background checks. The childminder has a clear knowledge of child protection procedures approved by the Local Safeguarding Children Board. She maintains her knowledge of safeguarding through attending relevant training and she holds a current paediatric first aid certificate, so that she can deal efficiently with minor injuries and accidents. There are opportunities for children to learn about personal safety by practising evacuation drills and learning basic first aid.

The childminder demonstrates that she reflects on her service and evaluates what is working well and highlights any areas that may need improvement. Since the last inspection, the childminder has made improvements to enhance outcomes for children and she has addressed the previous recommendations. The childminder acts on advice from her tutor and meets with other childminders to share ideas about best practice. The childminder has achieved the Level 3 Diploma in Home-Based Childcare and has also reorganised the family home to provide a designated play room. This is well-equipped with a wide selection of easily accessible resources so that children can easily make choices and take decisions in their play.

The childminder has an effective knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern. Systems are in place to observe and assess children's learning and the childminder explains how she offers



interesting experiences in line with children's own interests, enthusiasms and capabilities. The childminder enthusiastically describes activities to develop children's social and physical development and good use is made of local play and learning facilities. She has a sound understanding of how children enjoy and benefit from practical and purposeful activities, such as, gardening and baking. There are plenty of resources available to help develop children's creative and problem solving skills. The childminder has the skills to manage children's behaviour in a consistent way which promotes each child's welfare and development.

Effective procedures are in place to build partnerships with parents, schools and other agencies to meet children's individual needs. The childminder shares relevant policies with parents and important notices and certificates are displayed where they can easily be viewed. Positive references from parents express that the childminder warmly supports children's emotional well-being and takes the children's views into account when planning activities.

## **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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