

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 1992. She lives with her husband and grown up son in Waltham Abbey, Essex. The whole of the premises managed by the childminder are used for childminding purposes. Outside play is accessed through the use of supervised play only.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six 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 voluntary part of the Childcare Register. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group. The family has a pet dog.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder was able to demonstrate through discussion and documentation, an adequate understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. She has systems in place to record information from parents about their child's individual needs prior to placement. The childminder was able to demonstrate through discussion her understanding about the need to undertake regular observations of children at play. However, she was not aware of the importance of ensuring that information gathered is cross referenced to the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance. As a result, systems in place do not ensure that planning is secure in order to promote children's progress towards the early learning goals. The childminder described a range of activities, both indoors and out which provide an adequate range of experiences for children.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her sound knowledge of how to make a referral should she have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. However, she demonstrated a lack of awareness with regard to ensuring that parents are provided with information about her procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints and keeping a written record of complaints and their outcome. This is a requirement of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder demonstrated through discussion and written risk assessments her understanding of how to promote children's safety in her home, for example, putting in place safety measures to minimise risks to children. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate which promotes children's well-being in an emergency.

The childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. The childminder is able to provide a balanced range of meals and snacks for children. Systems for managing children's behaviour are in place and the childminder has an appropriate knowledge and awareness of the importance of treating each child with equal respect and concern.

The childminder has addressed the recommendations raised at the last inspection appropriately. She is aware of some of the strengths and areas for improvement of her provision demonstrating her adequate understanding of reflective practice.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- develop a procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and keep a written record of complaints and their outcome (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the childcare register) 06/02/2012
- plan and organise systems to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs, this is with particular regard to cross referencing sensitive observational assessment with the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance in order to securely plan to meet young children's individual needs. 06/02/2012

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare). 06/02/2012

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