

## 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 has been registered since 1992. She lives with her husband and their two adult children in a residential area of Hedge End, Southampton in Hampshire. The property is within close proximity to schools, shops and parks. Children have access to all areas on the ground floor, which includes toilet facilities. Upstairs is used for sleeping purposes only. There is a fully secure garden available for outdoor play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years old, three of whom may be in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age range. The childminder currently cares for older children. The childminder is a member of National Childminding Association and has recently completed a Diploma in Home-based Childcare.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder understands most of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a varied range of suitable toys and play equipment that are organised downstairs to promote children's free choice. The childminder has a clear understanding of providing fun, active play opportunities to children, which promote all six areas of learning. She talks about all children being different individuals, and how she would observe, assess, and plan for their specific learning needs. The childminder has documentation and records organised and available for use. She is familiar with most of the Early Years Foundation Stage procedures except the complaints procedure. This is a legal requirement. From discussion, the childminder demonstrates she clearly values equality and diversity. Multicultural resources are available for children to play with and activities around specific festivals are planned for, such as Chinese New Year. The childminder puts a lot of emphasis on engaging with parents, and communicates clearly and openly with them. She shows knowledge of how to develop links with other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage that children may attend. The childminder ensures her home is safe and clean at all times. The childminder has taken action to minimise risks inside her home and in the garden, so that children can play safely. She is familiar with the child protection procedure. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to promote children's good health, through daily hygiene routines. She has systems in place to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. The childminder plans to continuously improve the childminding provision by updating her knowledge through further training, such as completing a Makaton course, to ensure she can meet the needs of the children in her care.

## 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:

- ensure there is a procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints and a written record is maintained of any complaints and their outcome (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (Also applies to the Childcare Register) 01/03/2012

## 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:

- devise a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to the requirements of the Childcare Register and which a parent makes in writing or by e-mail (Procedures for dealing with complaints)(Also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 01/03/2012

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

- take action as specified above (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 01/03/2012