

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 1993. She lives with her husband and four children in a five bedroom house in Rainham, Essex. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is registered to care for no more than four children under eight years; of these, not more than two may be in the early years age group, and of these, not more than one may be under one year at any one time. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory part of the Childcare Register. There were no children on role in the early years age group at the time of the inspection.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a secure knowledge of child protection procedures and is aware of who to contact if she has a concern about a child in her care. She demonstrates that she has taken appropriate action to keep her home safe and secure. The furniture, equipment and toys are safe and appropriate for the needs of children. Daily visual checks help to ensure this always remains the case. All the essential documentation that promotes children's welfare and safety is in place. The childminder's registration certificate is displayed for all to see, her insurance is up to date and first aid certificate is current.

The childminder has a sound understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the need to offer children a broad range of activities to support their learning priorities. An exciting range of toys and play materials are available for children to make choices and take decisions as they play. Books and play materials portray positive images of diversity so that children learn to respect each other's differences and similarities. The childminder understands the benefits of an effective partnership with parents and others to promote continuity in children's care and learning. The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to support children's good health. She has all the required documentation to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies.

The childminder demonstrates how she has met the improvements highlighted at her last inspection visit. She understands her responsibility to record pre-existing injuries or concerns. The childminder has systems in place to request prior parental consent to seek emergency medical advice or treatment. She has made a start at self-evaluation to maintain continual improvement to support children's learning and development in partnership with 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