

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 lives with her husband and two children aged five and seven months in the town of Beccles, Suffolk. The whole of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outdoor play. The family have no pets.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children at any one time, of these no more than two may be in the early years age range. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

At the time of inspection there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has an excellent understanding about planning for children's learning and development. The procedures she has in place for observation and assessment of individual children at play identifies their next steps, this information is then identified in future planning for children.

The childminder plans a wide range of activities, both indoors and out which means children enjoy a wealth of experiences. She demonstrated, through discussion and documentation, her excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has documentation in place to record information from parents about their child's individual needs and likes and dislikes. This information gives her a 'starting point' when planning for children's future learning.

The childminder demonstrated through discussion her sound knowledge of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The policy for safeguarding is clear and ensures that procedures can be appropriately followed. The childminder understands how to promote children's safety and takes precautions to prevent accidents. The premises are safe and secure and the childminder carries out risk assessments along with a written daily check list to maintain the safety of the premises. Any outings arranged are risk assessed prior to visiting with children.

The childminder demonstrated an extremely effective understanding of the importance of developing effective partnerships with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. Parents are provided with a wealth of 'user friendly' written information pertaining to the childminder's practice, including policies and procedures of the setting. Processes 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 is aware of the many strengths of her provision and is keen to attend relevant training to further improve her practice, demonstrating a high capacity to improve.

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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