

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 2003. She lives with her daughter aged eight years in Sheffield. Access to the property is via two steps up to the front door. The whole of the property is used for childminding purposes and there is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The area has good transport links and there is access to shops, children's play areas and parks. The family has a rabbit.

The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of six children under the age of eight years at any one time, 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 group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder is able to demonstrate through discussion that she has an adequate understanding about how to safeguard children from abuse. She has a written policy to refer to and is aware of what to do if there is a concern about a child. The physical environment is well maintained and the childminder is able to describe some steps that are taken to keep children safe in the home. However, she has not conducted a risk assessment of the indoor and outdoor environment, nor has she maintained a record of risk assessment detailing any particular action taken as a result. Documentation shows that the childminder has appropriate vehicle insurance and she describes suitable procedures for taking children on outings.

Documentation for the recording of accidents and the administration of medication is in place to support children's welfare, and the childminder maintains a first aid certificate. Prior written permission and detailed information is sought before any medication is given and the child record forms detail the permission to seek emergency medical advice or treatment should it be required.

Through discussion the childminder is able to demonstrate how she works satisfactorily alongside parents and other people who are involved with children's care and learning. For example, she describes informal discussions and a daily sheet for sharing information. She explains that her procedures are available to parents if they ask to see them. However, she has not developed a procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints that parents may have, which means that parents are potentially unaware of how to contact the regulator.

Through discussion the childminder demonstrates how all children are able to be included. Detailed information is sought about individual children and how their needs can be met. Where practicable, adaptations are made so that children can fully participate in the activities that are provided.

Discussion evidences that children's learning and development is not promoted well at the setting. This is due to the limited knowledge of the childminder about the Early Years Foundation Stage learning and development requirements. There are a variety of activities set out in the home and the childminder offer activities that children enjoy. For example, she describes outings to toddler groups, playing in the sand, jigsaws, and playing with the dolls and cars. However, she has a poor understanding about observing children to effectively plan for their next steps and to ensure that every child receives an enjoyable and challenging learning and development experience that is tailored to meet their individual needs.

Although the childminder is enthusiastic, she is unable to explain how she evaluates her provision and acknowledges that this is not in place. She has partially met the recommendations from her previous inspection. She discusses that she obtains information from relevant publications that help her to keep up to date. However, she has not identified areas for development, nor has she maintained continuous improvement. For example, she did not realise that she had not received the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework pack. Since the previous inspection she has not undertaken any further training or proactively sought support from the local authority.

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:

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| • 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 (Organisation) | 06/03/2012 |
| • put in place 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) | 06/03/2012 |
| • conduct a risk assessment and review it regularly, at least once a year or more frequently where the need arises, and maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked (Suitable premises, equipment and environment). | 06/03/2012 |

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:

- put in place a written procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents and keep a written record of complaints and their outcome. (Procedures for dealing with complaints) (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 06/03/2012
- undertake a risk assessment of the premises and equipment at least once in each calendar year, and immediately, where the need for an assessment arises (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment). (also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 06/03/2012

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 in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Procedures for dealing with complaints) 06/03/2012
- take action as specified in the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Suitability and safety of premises and equipment). 06/03/2012