

## 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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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 registered in 1993. She lives with her husband and their older school-age child and adult child. They live in a house in Clanfield, south of Petersfield, close to local shops, schools and a park. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding and two upstairs bedrooms. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play. The family has a rabbit.

The childminder is registered to provide care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time; of these, no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently provides respite care for two older children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

There are currently no children on roll in the early years age group. The childminder is a qualified practitioner and is a member of the National Childminding Association and part of South East Hampshire Childminder Network.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

In discussion, the childminder demonstrates she has an understanding of safeguarding children. She is aware of how to follow appropriate procedures if she had a concern regarding a child in her care. The childminder identifies hazards in the home and for when she takes children on outings, with suitable steps taken to minimise risks to children. She records her risk assessments for the home, garden and for outings. The childminder knows how to record any accidents that occur. She has a valid first aid certificate, in order to provide minor first aid treatment if necessary. The childminder is aware that she needs to request parental consent to seek emergency medical treatment for all children. All recommendations have been completed since the childminder's last inspection, such as, ensuring the wall heater in the conservatory is made safe. This demonstrates her positive attitude to maintaining continuous improvement. Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate an appropriate awareness of how she can support children's learning. She describes a suitable range of different activities to help them make progress in their learning. She is aware of the need to observe children as they play, in order to identify their learning needs. The childminder is able to describe the types of activities and play provision she would need to support this. Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate her understanding of the need to raise children's awareness of diversity. She knows the importance of supporting all children to help them feel valued and included. The childminder is able to describe how she works with parents and with other provisions that children attend, to ensure continuity of care. The indoor environment is accessible, with a lounge/diner, conservatory and bathroom available for the children on the ground floor. The range of toys and books is easily accessible to children in the conservatory; the range promotes positive images of all people in society. Through discussion, the childminder is able to demonstrate how to provide children with a

safe environment and support their health and hygiene. She would, for example discuss, carry out and record regular fire drills. The childminder demonstrates a sound knowledge of how to manage children's behaviour and help them learn right from wrong. The childminder describes how she would take children out to local attractions and let them use the garden to play in. She is aware that energetic play promotes a healthy lifestyle and helps them develop physical skills, including use of their muscles.

## **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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