

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 2001. She lives with her husband and three children aged over eight years. The family lives in West Clandon, Guilford in Surrey, close to shops, parks, schools and public transport links. The ground floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding and one room on the first floor is used for sleeping purposes. There is an enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for six children under eight years, no more than three of whom may be in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection there were no children in the early years age range on roll. The childminder walks to local schools and pre-schools to take and collect children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a very good knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a range of suitable toys and equipment that will be organised in a manner that helps to promote children's free choice. The extremely well organised childminder has updated her documentation and records so they are ready to use. An extensive set of policies and procedures is in place and underpin her practice. From discussion, the childminder demonstrates that equality is threaded through her practice and diversity is promoted through play activities, resources, and books. The childminder demonstrates a very good knowledge of working in partnerships with parents and other providers of the Early Years Foundation Stage that children may attend. The childminder shows a good knowledge of risk assessing her home to help ensure it is safe to care for children. She talks confidently about emergency procedures and collection procedures to safeguard children. The childminder has a secure knowledge of the child protection procedure. She demonstrates a clear understanding of how children's good health is promoted through hygienic, personal routines such as hand washing and teeth brushing. She has systems in place to gather information from parents regarding medical needs, dietary requirements and allergies. The childminder continuously attends training courses to update her knowledge and skills and is keen to resume childminding to effectively meet children's needs. She is able to suitably evaluate her service to strive for continuous improvement.

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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