

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 2003. She lives with her husband and two children aged 17 and 13 years. They live in a house in Stokenchurch near High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire within easy access of the M40 motorway. Children have use of all rooms on the ground floor including the lounge, bathroom, kitchen and conservatory. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The family has a cat and dog. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. There are currently nine children on roll who attend before and after school, none of whom are within the early years age range. The childminder walks or drives to a local school to take and collect children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She understands the importance of providing children with activities and play experiences that are appropriate to their stage of development and cover all six areas of learning. She knows what facilities are available locally to enhance children's learning, for example, the Children's Centre for social interaction. The home environment is conducive to learning with a spacious conservatory used for meals, free play and activities along with a large fully enclosed garden for outdoor play opportunities. There is a suitable range of toys and resources to support children's learning. This includes some toys which help children to develop an understanding of diversity.

The childminder understands her role in safeguarding children and has a number of measures in place, such as safeguarding policy and risk assessments. She is aware of how to manage emergency situations, such as, a serious accident including the importance of recording details accurately and sharing information with parents, Ofsted and other health professionals. The childminder recognises children as individuals and tailors her care accordingly. The childminder has a range of written policies and procedures which she shares with parents and maintains all required documentation so that children's welfare, learning and development needs are met. The childminder demonstrates her capacity for continuous improvement by addressing the recommendations raised at her previous inspection. This means fresh drinking water is always available and her knowledge of how to deal with complaints has increased. The childminder no longer works with an assistant.

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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