

## 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 1997. She lives with her three children aged 19, 15 and two years in St Albans. The whole of the ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding and there is a fully enclosed garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five 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 the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register.

The family has a pet dog and two bearded dragons kept in a tank. At the time of inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder understands about planning for children's learning and the procedure for observation and assessment in order to identify the next steps in children's learning. The childminder plans a range of activities, both indoors and out which means children enjoy a suitable range of experiences. The childminder demonstrated through discussion and documentation, her suitable 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.

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 generally safe and secure, although the childminder has not carried out a risk assessment to identify any safety hazards to children. The childminder is aware of the procedure to follow if a child has an accident but her first aid certificate has expired.

The childminder demonstrated a sound understanding of the importance of developing partnership with parents, carers and others to meet children's individual needs. 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 has a range of policies and procedures in place to share with parents, however the certificate of registration is not displayed and she has not always informed Ofsted of significant changes.

The childminder has addressed recommendations raised at the last inspection appropriately. The childminder is aware of some of the strengths and areas for

improvement of her provision and is keen to attend further training to improve her practice, demonstrating a capacity to improve.

## 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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| • conduct a risk assessment which must identify aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis and maintain a record of these particular aspects and when and by whom they have been checked (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) | 22/02/2012 |
| • obtain a current paediatric first aid certificate (Suitable People)  | 22/02/2012 |
| • ensure that Ofsted are notified of any changes to persons aged 16 years or older living on the childminding premises (Suitable People)   | 22/02/2012 |
| • display the certificate of registration and show it to parents on request. (Documentation)   | 22/02/2012 |

## **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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