

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 2006. She lives with her partner and children aged four months and nine years in the residential area of Blackey in Manchester. The whole of the ground floor, the bathroom and rear bedroom on the first floor of the childminder's home is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder cares for children on weekdays from 7.30am to 6pm for 47 weeks of the year. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of five children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than two may be in the early years age group. She also offers care to children aged over eight years to 11 years. The childminder is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She receives support from the local authority. At the time of this inspection there were no children on roll in the early years age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a warm and caring nature, which is conducive to making all children, their parents and carers feel welcome. She is keen to ensure all children are included in her setting. The childminder has attended training on the Early Years Foundation Stage framework and demonstrates a good understanding of how to implement it well. She discusses how the stimulating environment she offers would give all children the opportunity to make good progress in their learning and development. This includes have a wide range of well-organised resources. Good systems are in place to plan activities imaginatively to capture children's interest and encourage progress in each of the areas of learning. The childminder explains how she has procedures to carefully observe children and record their achievements to inform future plans.

The childminder demonstrates a good understanding of the need to keep her home secure at all times. This is supplemented with effective procedures for adults collecting children to ensure their safety. The childminder's current safeguarding knowledge of signs and symptoms is good, in order to protect children. Written risk assessments are in place and regularly reviewed for indoors, outdoors and for any outings. These reduce the chance of accidental injury. The childminder is keen to further her childcare knowledge by attending a wide range of training.

The childminder demonstrates a commitment to promoting equality and diversity. She shows a good understanding of the benefits of developing good relationships with parents and carers. This includes sharing information with them on a daily basis through discussions and written diaries. Systems are in place to ensure links are formed with other professionals and practitioners to effectively meet children's individual needs. The childminder shows a positive attitude to promoting children's good behaviour, through being patient and having realistic expectations. Through documentation and discussion it is clear that varied menu encourages children to have a good awareness of healthy meal options and the opportunity to try new foods. The childminder has all the required procedures and documents in place to ensure children's welfare is safeguarded and promoted.

The childminder is motivated to continually improve the service she provides. Systems for self-evaluation are good. She reflects on any training she might benefit from or any new resources she might need. Links have been made with an early years professional from the local authority to ensure continuous improvement is effectively maintained. The recommendations raised at the previous inspection have been positively addressed. This has a favourable impact on keeping children safe.

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

The provider confirms that the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are: Met