

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 was registered in 2008. She lives with a family friend and her friend's child aged five years, in Leicester City. The whole of the ground floor and one bedroom and the bathroom on the first floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools.

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. The childminder provides care for two older aged children. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association.

At the time of this inspection, there were no children on roll in the early year's age group.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates through discussion and documentation, a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Documentation is evident including the involvement of parents in the completion of individual records to confirm their child's individual needs and starting points for their learning and development. Observation and assessment procedures are established in order that the individual needs of the children can be planned for. This process includes monitoring the children's progress against the six areas of learning and identifying their next steps. Through informal planning children can take part in activities, both indoors and out, such as crafts, games, jigsaws and outdoor play to promote their enjoyment and social skills.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a secure understanding of what to do if she has safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A clear policy for safeguarding includes the required information needed should the childminder need to take action. Overall the premises are safe and secure because the childminder undertakes risk assessments and daily visual checks. Risk assessments are included for outings and any venues so children's safety can be maintained. Discussions show that the children are helped to learn to keep themselves safe as the childminder teaches them road safety and practice emergency evacuation procedures. The childminder promotes good hygiene and minimises the risk of cross infection through consistent routines and procedures including sickness exclusion.

Partnerships with parents and carers are built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. The childminder is aware of the importance of building relationships with other early year's providers to ensure consistency in children's learning. The required policies are established to meet the welfare

requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder explains how she promotes a culture of positive attitudes through age- appropriate methods for behaviour management. There is a wide range of developmentally appropriate toys and resources for the ages of the children the childminder is registered to care for. These include resources that promote equality of opportunity ensuring a fully inclusive experience.

The quality improvement process, such as the self-evaluation is satisfactory. The childminder is currently updating a written self-evaluation. Appropriate steps have been taken to meet the recommendation from the last inspection demonstrating an ongoing commitment to 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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