

Inspection report for early years provision

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Introduction

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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 2002. She lives with her partner, son aged 15 years and two younger children aged six and four years in the residential area of Oldham in Lancashire. The whole 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 7am to 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of two 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 clean and well-kept home where there is ample space for children to play. She demonstrates a positive attitude to providing an inclusive environment. The childminder has a secure knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She shows a good understanding of the benefits of providing a wide range of planned and spontaneous activities. This is complemented with a good variety of resources. Through discussion it is clear how she has systems in place to plan activities and experiences giving regard to children's interests and capabilities. This ensures there are good opportunities for children to make progress in their learning and development. Individual files have been developed to include observations in order to track children's progress towards the early learning goals.

Appropriate safety equipment is in place to ensure hazards are reduced. The childminder has a secure understanding of safeguarding issues, in order to protect children. Systems are in place to ensure regular risk assessments both indoors and out, minimise the chance of accidental injury effectively. The childminder has continued to further her childcare knowledge by attending a range of related training. The low-level storage of resources is conducive to nurturing free choice and independence.

The childminder shows a commitment to promoting equality and diversity. She discusses the importance of having positive relationships with parents and carers to ensure children's individual needs are met. The childminder has a secure understanding of the positive aspects of working with other professionals and practitioners to enable children to meet their full potential.

The childminder discusses her philosophy of using a positive and consistent approach to managing behaviour, which takes into account children's understanding and maturity. She demonstrates a clear understanding of how children's good health is promoted. The childminder describes how daily routines and positive discussions around personal hygiene practices are important to nurture children's understanding of a healthy lifestyle. All relevant documentation

with regard to health, including specific dietary needs and consent forms are in place and up to date. These positively safeguard children's well-being.

The childminder has a clear vision of how she wants the setting to improve and evaluates her practice. Systems are in place to gain feedback from parents, carers and children to enhance the self-evaluation process. She links with an early years professional from the local authority as part of the process to ensure continuous improvement is maintained. The recommendations raised at the previous inspection have been positively addressed. This has a favourable impact on improving the setting as a whole.

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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