

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 1992. She lives with her husband in Fremington village, near Barnstaple. The whole 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 on the Early Years Register, and on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, no more than three of which may be in the Early Years age group. At the time of inspection the childminder was not minding any children in the early years age range. The childminder is not registered to provide overnight care.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates suitable knowledge and understanding of both the welfare requirements and the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has appropriate awareness of Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures and has a clear knowledge of the actions to take should there be concerns about a child. The childminder keeps written policies and procedures that support children's welfare. These include safeguarding children, and complaints procedures. The childminder makes risk assessments of all aspects of her practice, which she reviews regularly. The childminder has a current first aid certificate. She has systems in place to record any accidents or incidents involving children, and a process for the safe administration of medicines.

The childminder is aware of the importance of building effective relationships with parents and others involved in the care of children. She has suitable systems in place to record children's individual needs, including any cultural or religious requirements. The childminder has addressed the recommendation made at her last inspection, which related to developing activities that promote children's understanding of the wider world. She has considered how she will do this, for when she next cares for children in the early years age range. For example, through exploring the customs and festivals of other cultures to develop children's understanding of equality and diversity. This shows the childminder has the capacity for continuous improvement in order to support outcomes for children.

The childminder shows suitable understanding of how to promote children's progress towards the early learning goals. In discussion, she talks about how she organises space and resources to meet the needs of children. She describes how she encourages children to make their own choices about what they do. The childminder is aware of the need to observe and assess children's learning, which she does through individual diaries. The childminder describes how she manages children's behaviour appropriately through providing a positive environment and being consistent in maintaining boundaries and ground rules. The childminder explained how children learn about living a healthy lifestyle through daily exercise, fresh air and a healthy balanced diet.

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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