

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 registered in 1994. She lives with her three teenage children in a detached house in Meopham, Kent. The ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a secure rear garden available for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of five children under eight years; of these, three may be in the early years age group at any one time. Currently there are no children in the early years age group on roll, although the childminder is caring for four older children before and after school.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates a sound understanding of her role and responsibility to record and report any child protection concerns. She ensures her understanding is in line with Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures. The childminder takes action to minimise risks inside and outside her home so children can play safely. She maintains an up-to-date first aid certificate so that she can provide appropriate care in the event of an accident. All required documentation is in place for recording children's attendance, accidents, incidents and medication. Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a positive attitude to inclusion. Systems are in place to gather information from parents about their child on admission. The childminder is aware of the importance of building partnerships with parents and other settings children may attend. Resources are effectively deployed promoting children's free choice and independence. The childminder explains how she will provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities for children, which cover the six areas of learning. She describes how she will use observations of children to plan activities that will help them make progress. The childminder also describes making good use of local facilities to help broaden children's understanding of nature and the wider community. For example, visiting farms, parks, toddler groups and the library. She explains how she will teach children about personal hygiene through their normal daily routines. For example, washing their hands with anti-bacterial soap and using paper hand towels to prevent cross infection. Since her previous inspection, the childminder has completed a National Vocational Qualification to level 3, together with several other training courses. This has helped her develop her childcare knowledge and her understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Previous recommendations have been successfully implemented. The childminder says she is keen to attend further training, thus demonstrating a capacity to maintain continuous 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

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