

## 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 1999. She lives with her husband and family in Darfield, Barnsley. The lounge and kitchen diner are used for childcare purposes and there is access to the family bathroom. The rear garden is available for outdoor play. The childminder collects and takes children to local schools and visits parks and places of interest.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, three of whom may be in the early years age range.

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 demonstrates through discussion and documentation a secure understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage, enabling her to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. She has attended several training courses to continue her knowledge and understanding, including safeguarding children. The childminder identifies children's starting points through engaging with the parents during initial settling-in visits and this enables her to record each child's individual capabilities. Observation and assessment procedures ensure the individual needs of the children are planned for. These include a system to monitor children's progress against the six areas of learning. Planning systems, including those for both indoor and outdoor play, enable children to take part in a full range of activities, including art and crafts, making cards for special celebrations, celebrating cultural festivals and enjoying free play, role play, small world, construction and garden toys to promote their enjoyment while at the childminder's home.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion her secure understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. The information available with regard to safeguarding includes the action to take, telephone numbers of whom to contact and the system for recording any action taken. The premises are secure and risk assessments ensure the safety of the children when in the care of the childminder. These are combined with a daily check to maintain the safety of the premises. The required policies to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are in place and updated regularly.

Partnerships with parents, carers and other agencies are built through the sharing of information to meet children's individual needs. Processes for managing children's behaviour are in place and documentation evidences how the childminder promotes a culture of self-respect, involving children in the process of managing their own behaviour. Policies and procedures, for example, equality of opportunity and inclusion, ensure a fully inclusive environment is promoted and the

childminder has experience of caring for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The childminder provides healthy snacks and home-cooked meals for all children, while ensuring their individual dietary needs are met. The quality improvement processes, for example, self-evaluation, enable the childminder to identify her strengths and any areas for further development, ensuring she provides a continually improving setting and service for children and their families.

## **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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