

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 three children in Crawley, West Sussex. The ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding purposes. There is an enclosed garden for outside play. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register, as well as the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of five children at any one time and currently has no children on roll in the early years age group. The childminder walks and drives to local schools to take and collect children.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a clear understanding of her responsibilities to safeguard children and who to contact if she has any concerns about their welfare. She has effective systems to share her policies and procedures with parents and carers. The childminder has risk assessed her premises which remain safe and secure and a written records are kept. Fire precautions are maintained and she has planned fire evacuations procedures in place.

There is ample space within the home and a suitable range of resources available throughout the two rooms for the children to use. The childminder demonstrates that she can manage children's care according to their parents' wishes and meet the individual needs of all those in her care. She has the relevant experience and knowledge to enable her to link children's learning with their age and stage of development, and monitor progress through observation and assessment.

The childminder has good links with local pre-schools and schools and has a clear understanding of the benefits of sharing information to meet the needs of the children. From discussion the childminder demonstrates that she encourages children to understand the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and appropriate hygiene routines. She has maintained a paediatric first aid certificate and demonstrates through discussion that she is able to support children in the event of an accident. The childminder is able to reflect on her practice and clearly demonstrates the ability to maintain continuous improvement. Her certificate of registration and her insurance details are clearly displayed.

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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