

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 2004. She lives with her husband and two school age children in the Springhill area of Grendon Underwood in Buckinghamshire. She uses the whole of the ground floor for childminding with sleeping facilities upstairs. There is an enclosed garden available for outdoor play. The childminder makes use of the local facilities, such as parks. The family has a dog. The childminder may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. The childminder currently has no children on roll in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets most of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has a sound knowledge of how to protect the children in her care and procedures to follow if she has concerns. She carries out risk assessments of her home and outings and is able to demonstrate how she maintains a safe environment for the children. However, she does not keep a record of these risk assessments and this is a breach of a specific legal requirement.

Since her last inspection, the childminder has completed several training courses, such as child protection, inclusion and an introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage. She has also updated her documentation to ensure confidentiality when recording accidents and has a first aid box in place. This demonstrates her capacity for continued improvement. She is aware of the importance of evaluating her practice. She demonstrates an understanding of the need to work with other providers and outside agencies to offer consistency in children's care and learning. She is also aware of the need to work in partnership with parents and share relevant information with them about their children.

The childminder is able to explain how she uses observations and assessment to help her plan for children's individual needs and the next steps in their learning. She has a suitable range of toys and resources to support children's development. She creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for the children and provides resources that show positive images of diversity.

Compliance with registration requirements

In order to continue to meet the requirements of registration, the registered person must take the following action by the specified date:

- make a record of risk assessment clearly stating when 20/03/2012

it was carried out, by whom, date of review and any
action taken following a review or incident
(Documentation)

Annex B: the Childcare Register

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

Not Met (with actions)

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

Not Met (with actions)

The registered provider does not meet the requirements of the compulsory and or voluntary part/s of the Childcare Register.

To comply with the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- keep a written statement of procedures to be followed in relation to complaints which relate to requirements of the Childcare register (Procedure for dealing with complaints)(also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 20/03/2012

To comply with the requirements of the voluntary part of the Childcare Register, the registered person must take the following action/s by the specified date:

- take action as specified above (Procedure for dealing with complaints) 20/03/2012