

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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Children only attend this setting before and/or after the school day and/or during the school holidays. The judgements in this report reflect the quality of early years provision offered to children during those periods.

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 1994. She lives with her daughter aged 12 years in the Colbury area of Totton, Hampshire. The whole of the childminder's home is available for childminding although this usually takes place on the ground floor where a toilet is available. One bedroom is used for a child sleeping in a cot. The childminder has two pet dogs and a cat.

The childminder is registered to 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 range. There were no children in this age group on roll at the time of the inspection. The childminder is also registered by Ofsted on the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She offers care to children aged up to 11 years.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder has a suitable understanding of safeguarding procedures and knows what action to take if she has concerns about a child. She has a number of policies and procedures in place which she shares with parents. The childminder first aid certificate has expired and this is a breach of requirements. She completes some brief risk assessments around her home, however, she does not include fire safety equipment in these assessments and one smoke detector is currently out of order which is also a breach of requirements. All required documentation is in place and the childminder keeps clear records of attendance.

The childminder demonstrates through discussion an appropriate knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. She is fully aware of the importance of keeping observation and development records and using these to plan next steps for children's individual development. She is enthusiastic to share development records with parents and build effective links with other early years providers. She has a range of suitable toys and equipment to help children make progress, including those that provide positive images of diversity. The childminder provides an inclusive environment recognising children's individuality. The childminder is proactive about accessing support and guidance and plans ongoing training to develop her knowledge and skills. This helps to demonstrate her commitment to the continuous improvement of the childminding provision.

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:

- complete an appropriate paediatric first aid course by 25/05/2012

25 May 2012 (Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register)

- ensure appropriate fire detection and control equipment for example smoke detectors) are in working order (Suitable premises, environment and equipment)

30/03/2012

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:

- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Welfare of the children being cared for)(also applies to the voluntary part of the Childcare Register) 25/03/2012

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 in the requirements of the compulsory part of the Childcare Register (Welfare of the children being cared for) 25/05/2012