

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 1998. She lives in the Blackley area of Manchester with her husband and two adult children. The whole of the ground floor is used for childminding, which includes the lounge/diner and kitchen. Bathroom facilities are available on the first floor. There is a secure rear garden for outside play. The family have a dog.

The childminder holds an NVQ level 3 qualification and is also a network childminder who is able to provide funded places.

The childminder is registered to 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. She also offers care to children aged over five years to 11 years. This provision is registered by Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. 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

Through documentation and discussion with the childminder, it is evident that a good understanding is held of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The childminder has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the learning and development requirements and has different types of records in place to undertake baseline assessments and observe children regularly. She is aware of the broad range of experiences needed to help children progress towards the early learning goals, and takes into account their individual interests when planning the next steps in their development. The childminder has a good understanding of how to effectively organise space and resources, and there is a good range of playthings available to enable children to develop independence and make choices about what they would like to do. A detailed knowledge is held of how to promote children's all round good health, and of how to meet any particular health or dietary needs. This includes keeping records, providing healthy meals and snacks and ensuring children have regular fresh air and exercise. The childminder is fully aware of how to keep children safe. All adults in the home are vetted, detailed risk assessments are undertaken to identify and minimise hazards and the premises are secure. There are clear child protection policies, based on local guidance and procedures, and the childminder is able to identify possible signs of abuse or neglect and what she would do in the event of a concern of this nature.

There is fire detection and control equipment, such as, smoke alarms, a fire blanket and a carbon monoxide detector, and the childminder is fully aware of the need to practise regular evacuation drills. The childminder demonstrates a very positive attitude to inclusion and a good awareness of how to promote this in the setting, including teaching children about diversity. She is fully aware of the importance of linking with other providers or external agencies, in order to promote a coherent approach to children's learning and development and meet their individual needs.

There is detailed documentation available to promote positive partnership working with parents. There are good systems in place for exchanging information and involving parents in their child's learning. There is a strong commitment to continuous improvement and the childminder has a good understanding of the importance of self-evaluation, for example, by using the Ofsted self-evaluation form. A primary focus since the last inspection has been the childminder's own professional development. She has attended a number of short courses and improved her childcare qualifications in order to enhance her knowledge and improve the outcomes for children.

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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