

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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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 2007. She lives with her husband, teenaged son and daughter aged seven years in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. All areas of the property are used for childminding, with the exception of two bedrooms. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register to care for a maximum of five children, of whom three may be in the early years age range at any one time. Amenities such as shops, schools and a park are within walking distance. The childminder also uses her car to go further afield.

The childminder is a member of the National Childminding Association. 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 an understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage and how to support children's learning. Through observing children as they play and discussions with parents she would assess their starting points. She would note children's achievements across each area of learning and identify how to help them progress. Experiences can be provided for children both indoors and outdoors, both at home and away from home.

The childminder understands the need to provide enjoyable, meaningful experiences that help children to learn. For example, a visit to the supermarket, where children select and count produce. She explains how she can encourage the development of children's language skills through talking and sharing books and stories. She can provide a wide range of creative experiences, such as painting, collage work and a chance for children to explore their senses in sand, water and gloop. The childminder demonstrates through discussion an understanding of how to help children play in a group, to learn to share, take turns and become more independent.

Through discussion and documentation the childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of what to do should she be concerned about a child's welfare. She has a comprehensive policy to follow should there be such concerns. There is a risk assessment of all areas of the premises and a daily safety checklist to follow. These measures help to minimise any risks in the home. The childminder has all of the required documentation which is well organised and regularly reviewed.

The childminder demonstrates that she understands how to develop relationships with parents. The wide range of policies and procedures are available to parents and daily discussions would take place. The childminder works with support agencies and is aware of the need to provide links with other providers children

may attend in the future. She understands the importance of meeting every child's individual needs and providing an inclusive service. She can provide healthy meals and snacks, such as, roast dinners with fresh vegetables and fruit or crackers. The childminder does reflect upon her service and has addressed the recommendations raised at the last inspection. She has made efforts to keep up-to-date by reading relevant early years websites, for example, the National Childminding Association website.

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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