

## Inspection report for early years provision

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<b>Inspector</b>	Janet Singleton
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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 2003. She lives with her husband and two children aged 12 and 14 years in the area of Barrowford, in the Borough of Pendle, Lancashire. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is an enclosed garden available for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children under eight years at any one time, of whom no more than three may be in the early years age range. At the time of the inspection, there were no children on roll. The childminder also offers care to children aged over five years. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register.

## The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrated through discussion and some of her documentation she conveys satisfactory understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage to support children in making progress towards the early learning goals. Through discussion, she demonstrated her understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. She is fully aware of the procedures she must follow, including, the need to report to the children services and of the need to record any action she may have to take. The procedure for identifying the children's starting points is by discussion and completion of all their personal details with the child's parents. This includes obtaining information on the child's routines from parents to ensure she is able to support the unique needs of their child and to assess their child's individual capabilities. Through discussion, she evidenced how she would observe and assess children in order to plan for their individual needs. This process includes the planning of activities, such as, art, construction, games and outdoor play to promote children's enjoyment, whilst in her care.

The premises were observed to be safe and secure and the childminder discussed the need for the risk assessment, however, no records of a risk assessment being undertaken were available at the time of the inspection. Although the childminder explained she has the required policies on the computer to meet the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, these were not available at the time of inspection. This is a specific legal requirement of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework that these are easily accessible and available for inspection. Documentation regarding the recording of children's attendance, children's and parent details, accident and medication procedures are in place and available for inspection. It is a specific legal requirement that the childminder has a current paediatric first aid certificate and carries public liability insurance. The childminder has breached this requirement, as her first aid certificate and insurance certificate were unavailable at the time of the inspection in order to determine their validity.

Through sharing information, policies and procedures with parents' she discussed how she builds her relationship with them for her to meet children's specific needs.

Procedures for managing children's behaviour are in place and through discussion she evidenced how she would promote their behaviour, for example, discussing the behavioural expectations and praising children. The childminder discussed how she is to provide home cooked healthy food for all children. She also discussed how she is to maintain children's health needs by providing individual towels, anti-bacterial soap and following hygiene routines, such as, washing hands and cleaning services before preparing food.

## 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:

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| • obtain public liability insurance for the provision (Suitable premises, environment and equipment) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register)   | 30/03/2012 |
| • obtain a current first aid certificate (Suitable people) (also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register)   | 30/03/2012 |
| • ensure all required policies and procedure to meet with the requirements of Early Years Foundation Stage are available for inspection (Documentation)(also applies to both parts of the Childcare Register) | 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(Records to be kept) 30/03/2012
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Insurance) 30/03/2012
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (First aid) 30/03/2012

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 early years section of the report(Records to be kept) 30/03/2012
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (First aid) 30/03/2012
- take action as specified in the early years section of the report (Insurance) 30/03/2012