

## 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 2003. She lives with her husband and school age child in Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey. The family also have a lodger living with them. The house is situated within walking distance of local schools, pre-schools, shops and bus routes. The whole of the downstairs area is used for childminding. There is a garden for outdoor play. The family has a cat.

The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She may care for a maximum of six children under eight years at any one time, of these no more than three may be in the early years age range. She is currently not minding any children in the early years age group. She also offers care to children up to 11 years. The childminder holds a Diploma in Pre-school Practice. She is a member of an approved childminding network.

## **The overall effectiveness of the early years provision**

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of the procedures to follow if she has any child protection concerns about a child in her care. She has attended safeguarding training. This has heightened her awareness of the signs and symptoms of a child at risk of harm. A range of policies and procedures are in place to underpin her practice. The childminder has maintained her first aid certificate so she can act appropriately in the event of an accident. She completes risk assessments to help ensure she has identified and addressed any hazards. This enables her to maintain a safe environment for children to play. The childminder demonstrates clearly how she would encourage children to become aware of how to stay safe. She has house rules and provides guidance such as how and where to cross roads.

Through discussion, the childminder provides clear examples of how to manage children's behaviour effectively. She explains that she uses methods that are appropriate for the age and understanding of the children. The childminder knows that children behave well when they have positive encouragement, good role models and are engaged in interesting activities.

The childminder displays resources on attractive units and in boxes to support children's self-selection and promote their independence. The range of resources positively reflects diversity, which enables the childminder to promote children's awareness of the world around them. The childminder demonstrates a good awareness of planning and providing a stimulating play environment for all children based upon their individual starting points. The childminder is aware of the need to plan for each child so they are challenged effectively and make steady progress in their learning. She explains how she would keep records of children's progress. She states that she would share these records with parents and other settings children attend so they all work in partnership to support children.

The childminder demonstrates a clear understanding of how to make sure all children have the same opportunities. She recognises that everyone is different and knows how to adapt the activities so that all children can be included. The childminder describes making good use of outdoor play to help children understand the benefits of adopting a health lifestyle. For example, she would use garden activities and regular trips to the local parks to enhance children's physical development. The childminder shows she has the capacity to maintain continuous improvement. She evaluates her practice and identifies her strengths and weaknesses. She has effectively addressed the recommendations set at her last inspection.

## **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

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