

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 has been registered since 2007. She lives with her husband and family in a residential area of Epsom, Surrey. The whole of the childminder's home is used for childminding. Children have access to a lounge and playroom on the ground floor. Toilets, hand washing and sleep facilities are available on the first floor. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The local shops, park, schools and library are close by. The family has a pet rabbit.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of four children at any one time, of these, two may be in the early years group. She is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory 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

The childminder demonstrates that she has very effective systems in place to help safeguard children. She has recently updated her training in child protection and fully understands her responsibility to share any concerns with the relevant agencies. She maintains her home and garden very well and all safety requirements are in place. There are thorough and detailed risk assessment records to show how she continually manages children's safety and security. The childminder is very well-organised and has all necessary documentation and records available, including a register of attendance. All necessary policies and public liability insurance are in place.

Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates that she is thoroughly aware of the need to establish relationships with parents and others providing early years education. She shows a very clear ability to record and share information regularly. She explains that she fully appreciates how this promotes children's progress and development. She has a vast range of suitable resources, toys and equipment to help children make progress. The childminder explains her strong awareness of promoting children's learning through play. She shows interest and focuses on meeting children's individual interests and needs. She understands her responsibility to promote the development of children. She talks about plotting children's progress and planning their next steps through the use of observations and assessments. She discusses how she promotes equality and diversity by using multicultural toys and books, as well as through discussion and by acknowledging various festivals.

The childminder holds a current paediatric first aid certificate. She explains how she fully promotes the good health of the children through daily walks or outings and playing in the garden. The childminder is highly motivated to drive improvements. She shows a high level of interest in evaluating her provision and has made progress with documenting this. She is taking part in her local authority's quality improvement scheme and is a support childminder for newly

registered providers. The childminder demonstrates her ability to maintain continuous improvement.

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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