

## 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 2000. She lives with her husband and adult daughter in Billingham. The whole of the ground floor of the property is used for childminding. There is a fully enclosed garden available for outside play. The childminder is able to take and collect children from local schools and pre-schools.

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 is registered on the Early Years Register and on both the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll when this inspection took place.

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

The childminder has a wide range of policies and procedures in place. These include the procedures for safeguarding children and for complaints. She clearly demonstrates through discussion and relevant documentation her secure understanding of what to do if she has any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in her care. A 'welcome pack' is available for prospective parents and includes a wide range of information about her service. It also includes a copy of written policies and procedures. Risk assessments are well documented and regularly reviewed, which, ensures children's safety. The childminder also completes daily checks of her home and a record is maintained. Regularly fire evacuation drills are practised and a record is in place, further protecting children's safety. Attendance records are in place and the childminder is aware she must record accurate hours of attendance for all children.

The childminder has attended Early Years Foundation Stage training. She has a secure understanding of the need to observe and assess children's learning and the importance of planning in supporting their progress towards the early learning goals. For example, documents are in place to record observations of children's progress and the childminder explains how she would use these to plan the next step in children's learning and development. A wide range of resources are available and the childminder discusses how she would use these to support children's progress and develop their interests.

The childminder has started to complete the Ofsted self-evaluation document and has begun to use it to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the service. She attends relevant training to promote her knowledge and skills. She has experience of working closely with other childminder's and the local authority advisors to develop her service. The childminder also understands the importance of developing links with parents and other providers to ensure all children's needs are met. Documents clearly show that the childminder has systems in place to collect relevant information to help promote children's care, learning and development. This includes information about children's care routines, medical and religious needs. The childminder would work closely with parents to ensure meals and snacks provided meet parent's requirements and children's individual needs. She

talks confidently of how she would encourage children to develop their awareness of good hygiene practices, such as, washing their hands before meals and snacks and after messy play. Fresh drinking water would also be freely available at all times. A suitable range of resources and activities are available to promote children's awareness of other cultures and differences. Documents and discussion also demonstrate how the childminder would ensure all children and their families would be warmly welcomed to the setting.

## **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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