

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 has been registered since 2000. She lives with her adult family in Greenhithe, Kent. The ground floor of the childminder's house is used for childminding. There is a secure enclosed rear garden for outside play.

The childminder is registered to care for a maximum of three children at any one time, of these only one may be in the early years age range. She is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The childminder is a qualified teacher with teaching experience.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder demonstrates that she keeps all her documentation up-to-date and has the appropriate forms for record keeping.. Her first aid training is current and she ensures a recognised course is undertaken every three years. The childminder is aware of the safeguarding and child protection procedures. She explains that she knows what to do and who to contact if she has concerns about a child in her care. A risk assessment of the home is in place. This would be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure children's play spaces and outings are safe. The childminder has worked out a planned emergency evacuation procedure. Children would practise this on a regular basis so they are able to learn how to keep themselves safe. There is suitable smoke detection and fire fighting equipment available in the home to help with fire prevention. The childminder recognises that reflective practice and self-evaluation are important tools to ensure that she continues to demonstrate capacity to maintain improvement. This means she identifies priorities for development and can make necessary improvements. The childminder demonstrates that she is very proactive and attends courses and workshops to help ensure she keeps herself informed on current childcare practices.

The childminder explains that she prefers parents to provide their own food for their children but is happy to discuss healthy options with them. The childminder has a range of toys and resources, suitable for children in the early years age group. There is a small garden for them to play in as well as a play park within a short walking distance to encourage their physical development. The childminder discusses her high standards of behaviour and how she believes in letting children know the boundaries and what expectations she has of them. She explains that she wants children to learn to respect and care for each other through her positive role modelling. The childminder discusses her awareness of the need to promote equality and diversity. She would gather information from parents to help her ensure that she meets children's individual needs. The childminder shows a clear understanding of the areas of learning and the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through discussion, she explains how she undertakes observations and assessments on children, enabling her to identify their next steps. She would fully include parents in their children's development. The childminder knows the importance of working in partnership with other settings

involved in the care of the children. Parents would have copies of her policies and procedures to ensure they are fully aware of the service she offers to them and their children.

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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