

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 was registered in 1994. She lives with her husband, three adults and her two children aged eight and four, in Sutton, Surrey. The children have access to the whole of the ground floor and to an enclosed outdoor play area. The childminder is registered on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She is registered to care for five children under eight years. Of these, two may be in the early years age range with no more than one under one year at any time. The childminder also works as a foster carer. At the time of inspection, there were no children on roll.

The overall effectiveness of the early years provision

The childminder meets the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. She demonstrates a sound understanding of safeguarding issues, including the action she must take in the event that she is concerned about a child's welfare. She is fully aware of her responsibility to ensure children are never left alone with adults who are not suitably checked. The childminder explains how she intends to keep her home safe and secure. She has completed risk assessments of her house and garden in order to identify any potential hazards. The childminder explains how she intends to teach the children to remain safe, for example, when riding wheeled toys in the garden and helping them learn about road safety when on outings. The childminder holds a current first aid certificate.

The childminder recognises the importance of promoting inclusive practice. Play materials include positive images of diversity, including books and jigsaws. The childminder explains appropriate methods of managing children's behaviour in a positive way. The childminder understands how to work in partnership with parents in order to meet the children's individual needs. She is also aware of the necessity to work with other early years providers at settings where children being cared for may also attend. The childminder discusses how she would promote children's health, for example, she is able to explain how children would be encouraged to follow good hygiene practices as part of their everyday routine. Evidence through discussion suggests that the childminder knows how to provide children with healthy meals and snacks. She explains how daily outdoor play aids children's physical development and promotes a positive attitude to being outdoors.

The childminder has a secure knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and keeps herself up-to-date through attending a range of related training courses. She describes various suitable sounding activities and experiences she would offer the children in her care, for instance, baking, creating and designing models as well as trips to the local library and park. She has many resources that are age appropriate and some games that she feels will help to promote children's confidence and self-esteem. The childminder describes how she will support children's learning and development from their starting points through a cycle of observation, assessment,

and planning. The childminder shows understanding of how this will help children progress through the six areas of learning.

The childminder has systems in place to help her fulfil her requirements for record keeping and has valid public liability insurance. The childminder has addressed the previous recommendations set at the last inspection and given consideration to the process of continuous improvement. She understands the importance of reflection on her practice as a way of identifying areas of weakness and improving outcomes for 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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